

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4637–S4666

Measures Introduced: Thirty-eight bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2875–2912, S. Res. 355–360, and S. Con. Res. 20.

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Measures Passed:

National Warrior Call Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 208, expressing support for the designation of November 12, 2023, as “National Warrior Call Day” and recognizing the importance of connecting warriors in the United States to support structures necessary to transition from the battlefield, especially peer-to-peer connection, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Schumer (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 1286, to amend the resolving clause.

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Schumer (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 1287, to amend the preamble.

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National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 358, expressing support for designation of the week of September 17 through 23, 2023, as National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week.

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National Forensic Science Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 359, recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Forensic Science Week.

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5G Spectrum Authority Licensing Enforcement Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. 2787, to authorize the Federal Communications Commission to process applications for spectrum licenses from applicants who were successful bidders in an auction before the authority of the Commission to conduct auctions expired on March 9, 2023, and the bill was then passed.

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Measures Considered:

Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act—Cloture: Senate began

consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3935, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs.

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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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, September 21, 2023, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill; and that the motion to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, September 21, 2023, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, September 26, 2023.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 96 yeas 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 237), General Randy A. George for appointment as Chief of Staff of the Army and appointment in the U.S. Army: to be General.

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By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 239), General Eric M. Smith for appointment as Commandant of the Marine Corps and appointment in the U.S. Marine Corps: to be General.

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

By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. EX. 238), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Philip S. Hadji, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Melissa Griffin Dalton, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Spencer Bachus III, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2027.

Tanya F. Otsuka, of Virginia, to be a Member of the National Credit Union Administration Board for a term expiring August 2, 2029.

Andrew William Plitt, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

David O. Barnett, Jr., of New Mexico, to be United States Marshal for the District of New Mexico for the term of four years.

55 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—239) Pages S4639–40, S4642

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 4:43 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 22, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4666.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 384, to establish the Springfield 1908 Race Riot National Monument in the State of Illinois, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 432, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate the Nulhegan River and Paul Stream in the State of Vermont for potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system;

S. 507, to establish the Ralph David Abernathy, Sr., National Historic Site;

S. 608, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a

study of the Deerfield River for potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system;

S. 912, to require the Secretary of Energy to provide technology grants to strengthen domestic mining education;

S. 924, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission;

S. 961, to redesignate the Salem Maritime National Historic Site in Salem, Massachusetts, as the "Salem Maritime National Historic Park";

S. 1015, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1059, to adjust the boundary of Big Bend National Park in the State of Texas;

S. 1088, to authorize the relinquishment and in lieu selection of land and minerals in the State of North Dakota, to restore land and minerals to Indian Tribes within the State of North Dakota, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1097, to establish the Cesar E. Chavez and the Farmworker Movement National Historical Park in the States of California and Arizona, with an amendment;

S. 1277, to modify the boundary of the Mammoth Cave National Park in the State of Kentucky;

S. 1405, to provide for the exchange of certain Federal land and State land in the State of Utah;

S. 1657, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain land to La Paz County, Arizona, with amendments;

S. 1760, to amend the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act of 1989 to include the city of North Las Vegas, Nevada, and the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2018, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct an assessment to identify locations in National Parks in which there is the greatest need for broadband internet access service and areas in National Parks in which there is the greatest need for cellular service, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2020, to amend the Oregon Resource Conservation Act of 1996 to reauthorize the Deschutes River Conservancy Working Group;

S. 2042, to amend the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act to adjust the boundary of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2136, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federal land to the State of Utah for inclusion in

certain State parks, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2149, to sustain economic development and recreational use of National Forest System land in the State of Montana, to add certain land to the National Wilderness Preservation System, to designate new areas for recreation; and

S. 2216, to release from wilderness study area designation certain land in the State of Montana, to improve the management of that land, with an amendment.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Thomas G. Day, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission, and Katherine E. Oler, Judith E. Pipe, and Charles J. Willoughby, Jr., 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.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 1573, to reauthorize the Prematurity Research Expansion and Education for Mothers who deliver Infants Early Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2415, to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize Federal support of States in their work to save and sustain the health of mothers during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period, to eliminate disparities in maternal health outcomes for pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated deaths, to identify solutions to improve health care quality and health outcomes for mothers;

S. 1624, to require certain civil penalties to be transferred to a fund through which amounts are made available for the Gabriella Miller Kids First Pediatric Research Program at the National Institutes of Health, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 2840, to improve access to and the quality of primary health care, expand the health workforce, with amendments.

ACCESSIBLE GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ensuring accessible government technology for people with disabilities, older adults, and veterans, after receiving testimony from Christopher Westbrook, Roads to Freedom Center for Independent Living of North Central PA, Williamsport, Pennsylvania; Ronza Othman, National Federation of the Blind of Maryland, Baltimore, on behalf of the National Association of Blind Government Employees; Jay Doyle, Service Oklahoma, Oklahoma City; and Ashley Lichtle, Salt Lake City Mayor's Office, Salt Lake City, Utah.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 57 public bills, H.R. 5615–5671; and 12 resolutions, H.J. Res. 91; H. Con. Res. 67; and H. Res. 713–722, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 712, 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; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1130) to repeal restrictions on the export and import of natural gas; and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 684) condemning the actions of Governor of New Mexico, Michelle Lujan Grisham, for sub-

verting the Second Amendment to the Constitution and depriving the citizens of New Mexico of their right to bear arms (H. Rept. 118–208);

H.R. 2980, to providing for Department of Energy and National Science Foundation research and development coordination, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–209);

H.R. 4755, to support research on privacy enhancing technologies and promote responsible data use, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–210);

H.R. 3915, to improve the National Weather Service's forecasting of turbulence and acquisition of aviation weather data, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–211); and

H.R. 1069, to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to require reporting regarding

clean energy demonstration projects, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–212).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Bishop Michael E. Dantley, Christ Emmanuel Christian Fellowship, Cincinnati, OH.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:23 a.m. and reconvened at 10:31 a.m.

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Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2024, Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2023, and 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—**Rule for Consideration:** The House failed to agree to H. Res. 712, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4365) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1130) to repeal restrictions on the export and import of natural gas; and 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, by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 403, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 216 yeas to 202 nays, Roll No. 402. Subsequently, Representative Cole made a motion to reconsider the vote, on which further proceedings were postponed.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:39 a.m. and reconvened at 10 p.m.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yeas-and-nays vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4451–52 and H4452.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 10 p.m.

Committee Meetings

CONNECTING EVERY AMERICAN: THE FUTURE OF RURAL BROADBAND FUNDING

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Connecting Every American: The Future of Rural Broadband Funding”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, September 22

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, September 22

Senate Chamber

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House Chamber

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