

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4669–S4687*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-two bills and nine resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2913–2934, and S. Res. 361–369. **Pages S4678–79**

#### Measures Passed:

**50th Anniversary of the National Cemetery Administration:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 365, honoring the 50th anniversary of the National Cemetery Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S4676**

**School Bus Safety Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 366, designating September 2023 as “School Bus Safety Month”. **Page S4676**

**National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 367, designating September 2023 as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month”. **Page S4676**

**Telehealth Awareness Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 368, supporting the designation of the week of September 17 through September 23, 2023, as “Telehealth Awareness Week”. **Page S4676**

**Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 369, expressing support for the designation of September 2023 as “Sickle Cell Disease Awareness Month” in order to educate communities across the United States about sickle cell disease and the need for research, early detection methods, effective treatments, and preventative care programs with respect to complications from sickle cell disease and conditions related to sickle cell disease. **Page S4676**

#### Measures Considered:

**Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed 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. **Pages S4669–75**

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

By 77 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. 240), 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 bill. **Page S4675**

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 Wednesday, September 27, 2023; and that all time during adjournment, recess, morning business, and Leader remarks count toward post-cloture debate time. **Page S4687**

**Lesser Prairie Chicken CRA and Northern Long-Eared Bat CRA—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the veto messages with respect to S.J. Res. 9, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Lesser Prairie-Chicken; Threatened Status with Section 4(d) Rule for the Northern Distinct Population Segment and Endangered Status for the Southern Distinct Population Segment”, and S.J. Res. 24, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Northern Long-Eared Bat”, be considered at times to be determined by the Majority Leader, in concurrence with the Republican Leader, prior to Wednesday, October 4, 2023; that there be two hours for debate equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees on each joint resolution; and that Senate then vote on passage of each joint resolution, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding. **Pages S4675–76**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to the Constitution, the report of the veto of S.J. Res. 9, a joint resolution

that would disapprove the final rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Lesser Prairie-Chicken; Threatened Status with Section 4(d) Rule for the Northern Distinct Population Segment and Endangered Status for the Southern Distinct Population Segment”; ordered to be printed in the Record, spread in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk. (PM–22) **Pages S4675–76**

Transmitting, pursuant to the Constitution, the report of the veto of S.J. Res. 24, a joint resolution that would disapprove the final rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Species Status for Northern Long-Eared Bat”; ordered to be printed in the Record, spread in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk. (PM–23) **Page S4676**

Messages from the House: **Page S4678**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S4679–80**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S4680–87**

Additional Statements: **Page S4677**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—240) **Page S4675**

Recess: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and recessed at 7:04 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2023. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4687.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 54 public bills, H.R. 5687–5740; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 92; H. Con. Res. 68; and H. Res. 724–729, were introduced. **Pages H4497–99**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H4501–03**

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

H. Res. 723, 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. 4367) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4665) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4368) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–216);

H.R. 3447, to amend title 23, United States Code, to authorize a hydrogen powered vehicle to exceed certain weight limits on the Interstate Highway System, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–217);

H.R. 1836, to amend title 46, United States Code, to make technical corrections with respect to ocean shipping authorities, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–218);

H.R. 5427, to prohibit individuals convicted of defrauding the Government from receiving any assistance from the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–219);

H.R. 5426, 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 (H. Rept. 118–220);

H.R. 5425, to amend the Small Business Act to enhance the Office of Rural Affairs, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–221);

H.R. 5424, 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 antitrust laws, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–222);

H.R. 5265, 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 (H. Rept. 118–223);

H.R. 5340, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to ensure that pension plans provide notice to participants and beneficiaries

on risks associated with certain investments, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–224);

H.R. 5339, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to specify requirements concerning the consideration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary factors, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–225);

H.R. 5338, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to establish that fiduciaries must act with prudence and loyalty when selecting service providers for pension plans, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–226); and

H.R. 5337, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to clarify the application of prudence and exclusive purpose duties to the exercise of shareholder rights, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–227). **Pages H4496–97**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:28 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H4470**

**Journal:** The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H4470, H4496**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 4:30 p.m. **Page H4471**

**Clean Slate through Repayment Act of 2023, Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2024, Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024, and Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024—Rule for Consideration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 723, 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. 4367) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4665) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4368) making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, by a recorded vote of 216 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 406, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 209 nays, Roll No. 405. Earlier Representative McGovern raised a point of order against the provisions of H. Res. 723 on the grounds that the resolution violates section 426(a) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Representative Roy made a motion to consider the resolution, which was agreed

to by a yea-and-nay vote of 209 yeas to 198 nays, Roll No. 404. **Pages H4480–95**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Protecting Hunting Heritage and Education Act:* H.R. 5110, amended, to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to clarify that the prohibition on the use of Federal education funds for certain weapons does not apply to the use of such weapons for training in archery, hunting, or other shooting sports, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 424 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 407; and

**Pages H4471–75, H4495–96**

*Amending title 38, United States Code, to extend and modify certain authorities and requirements relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs:* S. 2795, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend and modify certain authorities and requirements relating to the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Pages H4575–80**

*Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024:* The House considered H.R. 4368, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, September 27th. **Pages H4505–66**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in part E of H. Rept. 118–216 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. **Page H4505**

Agreed to:

Harris en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216: Balint (No. 1) that increases and decreases funding for the Office of the Secretary by \$1 million with the intent to direct the Secretary to implement all disaster response and assistance authorities provided under the law to assist agricultural producers and rural communities affected by recent flooding in the State of Vermont as quickly as possible; Valadao (No. 2) that decreases and increases funding for the Office of the Secretary of Agriculture for the purpose of addressing critical needs of the dairy industry impacted by natural disasters; Steil (No. 3) that transfers \$500,000 from the Office of the Secretary to the Agricultural Research Service; Leger Fernandez (No. 4) that increases funds for the Office of Tribal Relations to the FY23 enacted amount; decreases the Office of Safety, Security, and Protection by an equal amount; Porter (No. 5) that increases funding for 4–H by \$1 million; Sewell (No. 6) that increases funding by \$1,000,000 for the rural decentralized water systems program authorized by section 306E

of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act; Pettersen (No. 7) that increases funding for the Snow Survey and Water Forecasting Program within Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) to provide greater investments in monitoring seasonal snowpack and annual mountain precipitation; Pettersen (No. 8) that increases funding for the repair, rehabilitation, and new construction for Rural Housing; Boebert (No. 9) that redirects resources in the bill from government employees to the Inspector General to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse, and to bring funding for the IG up closer to the budget request; Edwards (No. 10) that increases funding to the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program by \$1,000,000, specifically for the Seniors Farmers' Market Nutrition Program; Edwards (No. 11) that increases funding by \$1,000,000 to the Agricultural Research Service (ARS), specifically for purposes of researching tomato brown rugose fruit virus (ToBRFV); Boebert (No. 12) that redirects resources in the bill to help reduce specialty crop pests; Molinaro (No. 13) that increases funding to the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Extension Activities account by \$5 million for the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network; decreases funding to the Office of the Chief Economist and Chief Information Officer by \$2.5 million each; Miller (OH) (No. 14) that restores FY23 funding level of \$2 million (total funding) to the Rural Innovation Stronger Economy (RISE) Grant Program, USDA's Rural Development economic workforce program to provide job training skills that equip individuals with career skills to meet local workforce challenges and bolster rural economies, by transferring \$2 million to the Rural Business Program Account reducing \$2 million from the Office of the Chief Information Officer account; Boebert (No. 16) that redirects resources in the bill to competitive grants to State agencies for subgrants to schools to purchase equipment and support school breakfast programs; Boebert (No. 17) that redirects resources in the bill to the National School Lunch Program; Jackson Lee (No. 18) that increases funding by \$2,000,000 for the USDA agency that provides grant research funding for "1890s Land Grant Universities" which are 28 Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Decreases funding for Office of the Chief Information Officer by \$3 million; Escobar (No. 19) that increases the Community Facilities Program by \$5 million to ensure rural communities have the needed resources to develop or improve essential public services and facilities; Boebert (No. 20) that redirects resources in the bill to cooperative forestry research to actively manage forests and reduce wildfires, insects, diseases, and other destructive agents; Molinaro (No. 21) that decreases \$3,000,000 from the Office of the Chief

Financial Officer and increases \$3,000,000 for grants for telemedicine and distance learning services in rural areas; Caraveo (No. 22) that increases by \$2 million to Rural Cooperative Development Grants, offset by a decrease to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, for the purpose of Value-Added Producers Grants to provide more support for our agricultural producers to engage in value-added activities for new products and market opportunities; Caraveo (No. 23) that increases funding for the Rural Health and Safety Education Program by \$1,000,000, offset by a decrease in funding to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, to help provide increased mental and behavioral health education in rural communities; Leger Fernandez (No. 25) that increases funds for inspections within Section 515 of Rural Multi Family Rental Housing Loan Program by \$7 million; decreases the Office of Safety, Security, and Protection by an equal amount; Neguse (No. 26) that "increases and decreases the USDA Office of Inspector General by \$1 million for the purposes of enforcing existing animal fighting statutes"; Johnson (SD) (No. 27) that restores funding for the Sun Grant Program within the National Institute of Food and Agriculture; Boebert (No. 28) that redirects spending in the bill to provide increased resources for technical assistance grants for rural water and waste systems; Gluesenkamp Perez (No. 30) that increases and decreases funding for the Agricultural Research Service by \$1,000,000 with the intent to conduct research to understand the amount of microplastics in land-applied biosolids on farmland and the potential impacts on soil health, crops, public health, and the environment; Gluesenkamp Perez (No. 31) that increases and decreases funding for USDA Agricultural Research Service (ARS) salaries and expenses by \$1 million for the purposes of requesting preference to equipment purchased that comes with service manuals and dealer equivalent software to improve the Agency's ability to repair the equipment; Slotkin (No. 34) that decreases and increases funding for the Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network; Molinaro (No. 35) that increase-decrease funding to the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Extension Activities account to support full funding for USDA's AgrAbility Program, which provides support to farmers and farm families with disabilities; Fischbach (No. 37) that increases funding for the National Animal Health Laboratory Network (NAHLN) to assist in the detection and response to animal disease outbreaks; Molinaro (No. 39) that increases and decreases the Risk Management Agency to show strong Congressional concern on their proposed changes to apple insurance, and to encourage the agency to incorporate the feedback of farmers and crop insurance agents; Raskin (No. 40)

that increases and decreases funding to USDA's Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Program by \$8.5 million; expresses support for restoring funding to urban agriculture at FY23 levels; Houlihan (No. 44) that increases and decreases the funding for Rural Business Development Programs, to emphasize the need to provide federal support for America's domestic infant formula manufacturing base; Escobar (TX) (No. 46) that increases and decreases funding for the Rural Economic Development Loan Grant Program to highlight the importance of funding rural projects; Caraveo (No. 47) that increases and decreases funding by \$10 million to the Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program to emphasize the importance of increased opportunities for the expansion of telehealth services into rural communities; Escobar (No. 49) that increases and decreases the Community Connect Grant Program to provide broadband service in economically disadvantaged communities; Molinaro (No. 50) that increases and decreases the Foreign Agricultural Service to signal support for the Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops program, which provides critical support in helping fruit and vegetable growers access foreign markets; Kiggans (No. 58) that increases and decreases funding for the Food and Drug Administration by \$1,000,000 to express the intent that the FDA improve its enforcement against the importation of illegally imported vaporizers (eg. vapes, e-cigarettes), most of which come from China; Kiggans (No. 59) that increases and decreases funding for the Food and Drug Administration by \$1,000,000 to express the intent that FDA begin requiring drug manufacturers to label prescribed pharmaceuticals with any known drug interactions with marijuana; Molinaro (No. 60) that increases and decreases the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition to signal support for the existing cooperative agreement that provides outreach, training, and technical assistance to small farms on compliance requirements of the Food Safety Modernization Act; and Gottheimer (No. 63) that restores FY2023 funding levels for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) by adding \$3 million back to the program;

**Pages H4525–27**

Biggs amendment (No. 15 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that restores funding to the Office of the Chief Economist to FY16 levels, exempting the Office of Pest Management Policy, and directs the difference to the spending reduction account;

**Pages H4527–28**

Biggs amendment (No. 38 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that restores funding to the Farm Production and Conservation Business Center to FY19 levels and directs the difference to the spending reduction account;

**Pages H4530–31**

Donalds amendment (No. 51 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that restores funding for the Foreign Agricultural Service to FY19 levels; **Page H4535**

Ogles amendment (No. 56 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that reduces funding for the McGovern-Dole program by 50%; **Pages H4536–37**

Donalds amendment (No. 62 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that restores funding for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) to FY18 spending levels; **Pages H4538–39**

Graves (LA) amendment (No. 65 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that limits the use of funds under this Act to carry out the provision that allows a lack of sufficient jobs to qualify for statewide and partial work requirement waivers for able-bodied adults without dependents; **Pages H4539–40**

Tiffany amendment (No. 66 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that ensures that none of the funds made available by this bill will go towards funding a rule that will ban flavored milk, like chocolate milk, in schools and this would ensure that all types of milk are available to school children;

**Pages H4540–41**

Bost amendment (No. 67 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits the Secretary of Agriculture from purchasing electric vehicles;

**Pages H4541–42**

McCormick amendment (No. 68 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits funds from being used to continue implementing the FDA's 2006 and 2011 Compliance Policy guide which created the Unapproved Drugs Initiative; **Page H4542**

Miller (IL) amendment (No. 69 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that ensures none of the funds made available go towards implementing the recommendations in the 2023 Interim Report issued by the USDA Equity Commission; **Pages H4542–43**

Hageman amendment (No. 71 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits any of the funds being appropriated in this act from going to the World Health Organization; **Pages H4549–50**

Crawford amendment (No. 72 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that prevents the closing or continuous closing of offices of the Farm Service Agency, including any such offices still on a closed or hybrid schedule related to COVID-19; **Page H4550**

Cammack amendment (No. 73 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits funds from being used to finalize any rule or regulation that has resulted in or is likely to result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more;

**Pages H4550–51**

Van Orden amendment (No. 74 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that appropriates \$10,000,000 for dairy business innovation initiatives;

**Pages H4551–52**

Miller (IL) amendment (No. 75 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that prevents funds from going towards USDA’s Climate Hubs; **Page H4552**

Boebert amendment (No. 77 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that utilizes the Holman Rule to reduce the salary of the Deputy Under Secretary of the Food and Nutrition Service of the Department of Agriculture, Stacy Dean, to \$1; **Pages H4553–54**

Miller (IL) amendment (No. 78 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits funds to implement the COVID–19 Workplace Safety Plan issued by the Department of Agriculture; **Page H4554**

Self amendment (No. 80 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that would prohibit funds in this bill from being used toward the Civilian Climate Corps; **Pages H4555–56**

Burlison amendment (No. 81 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that prevents the use of funds under this Act to carry out the provision that allows states to waive work requirements for able-bodied adults in areas with high unemployment or a lack of sufficient jobs; **Page H4556**

Cammack amendment (No. 82 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits funds in this act from being used to carry out Biden’s climate change executive orders; **Pages H4556–57**

Massie amendment (No. 86 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to fund any grant related to any transgenic edible vaccine;

**Pages H4559–60**

Massie amendment (No. 87 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to issue any new rule related (1) regarding the number of owners of an animal for purposes of the custom slaughter exemption of the Food Safety and Inspection Service; (2) limiting the persons that may own an animal; or (3) requiring custom operators to keep records; and

**Page H4560**

Good (VA) amendment (No. 100 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that blocks funding for the implementation of Executive Order 14075, Executive Order 14021, and Executive Order 13988.

**Page H4564**

Rejected:

Good (VA) amendment (No. 24 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to reduce funding for the USDA Office of Civil Rights by 50% from FY23 levels (by a recorded vote of 175 ayes to 254 noes, Roll No. 408); **Pages H4528–29, H4543–44**

Biggs amendment (No. 29 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to restore funding to the National Agricultural Statistical Service to FY19 levels and directs the difference to the spending re-

duction account (by a recorded vote of 119 ayes to 307 noes, Roll No. 409); **Pages H4529, H4544**

Biggs amendment (No. 33 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to restore funding to the National Institute of Food and Agriculture to FY19 levels and directs the difference to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 106 ayes to 323 noes, Roll No. 410);

**Pages H4529–30, H4544–45**

Brecheen amendment (No. 41 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to reduce Natural Resources Conservation Service funding to FY16 levels (by a recorded vote of 86 ayes to 343 noes, Roll No. 411); **Pages H4531–32, H4545–46**

Brecheen amendment (No. 43 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to eliminate funding for USDA’s Rental Assistance Program (by a recorded vote of 89 ayes to 341 noes, Roll No. 412);

**Pages H4532–33, H4546**

Perry amendment (No. 45 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to cut the Rural Business—Cooperative Service Rural Business Program Account by 50% from FY23 enacted (by a recorded vote of 68 ayes to 362 noes, Roll No. 413);

**Pages H4533–34, H4546–47**

Biggs amendment (No. 54 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to strike funding for Food for Peace Title II Grants and directs the total to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 83 ayes to 348 noes, Roll No. 414);

**Pages H4535–36, H4547–48**

Biggs amendment (No. 57 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to strike funding for the McGovern–Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program and directs the total to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of 81 ayes to 350 noes, Roll No. 415); and

**Pages H4537, H4548**

Biggs amendment (No. 61 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to restore funding for the Commodity Futures Trading Corporation to FY19 levels, and directs the remainder to the spending reduction account (by a recorded vote of ayes to noes, Roll No. 416). **Pages H4537–38, H4548–49**

Withdrawn:

Nunn amendment (No. 48 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to revise the ReConnect Program to increase rural broadband speed requirements to at least 100/20 downstream and upstream transmission capacity. **Pages H4534–35**

Proceedings Postponed:

Spartz (No. 76 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that seeks to state that none of the funds made available by this bill may be used to carry out commodity checkoff programs; **Pages H4552–53**

Boebert (No. 79 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that seeks to prevent funds for USDA’s Equity Commission; **Pages H4554–55**

Hageman (No. 83 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that seeks to prevent funds from being used to mandate electronic identification eartags for cattle and bison; **Page H4557**

Good (VA) (No. 85 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that seeks to reduce to \$1 the salary of the Director of the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research at the FDA; **Pages H4558–59**

Boebert (No. 89 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that seeks to prevent USDA from using funds for woke courses, books and study guides; **Pages H4560–61**

Good (VA) (No. 90 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that seeks to reduce to \$1 the salary of the Director of the Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology at the FDA; **Pages H4561–62**

Good (VA) (No. 91 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that seeks to reduce to \$1 the salary of the Director of the Division of Risk Management at the FDA; **Page H4562**

Good (VA) (No. 92 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that seeks to reduce to \$1 the salary of the Director of the Office of New Drugs at the FDA; **Page H4562**

Good (VA) (No. 93 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that seeks to reduce to \$1 the salary of the Director of the Office of Compliance at the FDA; **Pages H4562–63**

Good (VA) (No. 94 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that seeks to reduce to \$1 the salary of the Director of the Office of Medical Policy at the FDA; **Page H4563**

Good (VA) (No. 95 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that seeks to reduce to \$1 the salary of the Director of the Office of Regulatory Policy at the FDA; **Page H4563**

Stauber (No. 99 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that seeks to prohibit any funds made available by this bill from being used to fund the Farm to School Network Racial Equity Learning Lab; **Pages H4563–64**

Miller (IL) (No. 101 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that seeks to prohibit funds to implement the Climate Corp; and **Pages H4564–65**

Rosendale (No. 102 printed in part F of H. Rept. 118–216) that seeks to reduce the amount appropriated in this Act by \$717,000,000. **Pages H4565–66**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on September 27th. **Page H4566**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and-nay votes and ten recorded votes developed during the pro-

ceedings of today and appear on pages H4486–87, H4494–95, H4495, H4495–96, H4543–44, H4544, H4544–45, H4545–46, H4546, H4546–47, H4547–48, H4548, and H4548–49.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 3:11 a.m.

## Committee Meetings

### EXAMINING VA.GOV

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Technology Modernization held a hearing entitled “Examining VA.gov”. Testimony was heard from Kurt DelBene, Assistant Secretary for Information and Technology, Office of Information and Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D840)

H.R. 2544, to improve the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network. Signed on September 22, 2023. (Public Law 118–14)

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* to hold hearings to examine foreign ownership in U.S. agriculture, 10 a.m., SR–328A.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* business meeting to consider S. 2860, to create protections for financial institutions that provide financial services to State-sanctioned marijuana businesses and service providers for such businesses, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine Medicare, 10 a.m., SD–106.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* business meeting to consider S. 654, to amend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act to reauthorize Delaware River Basin conservation programs, an original bill entitled, “Brownfields Reauthorization Act”, and an original bill entitled, “Strengthening Coastal Communities Act”; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the General Services Administration, focusing on examining the Federal real estate portfolio, 9:45 a.m., SD–406.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* business meeting to consider 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, 10:15 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*: to hold hearings to examine water as a trust resource, focusing on access in Native communities, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on Rules and Administration*: to hold hearings to examine AI and the future of our elections, 3:30 p.m., SR-301.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to hold hearings to examine countering China's malign influence operations in the United States, 2:30 p.m., SH-216.

### House

*Committee on Education and Workforce*, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled "Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials, hearing entitled "Revitalizing America Through the Reauthorization of the Brownfields Program", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce, hearing entitled "Proposals to Enhance Product Safety and Transparency for Americans", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Securities and Exchange Commission", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia, hearing entitled "No Incentives for Terrorism: U.S. Implementation of the Taylor Force Act and Efforts to Stop 'Pay to Slay'", 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Subcommittee on Africa, hearing entitled "Examining the Current U.S.-South Africa Bilateral Relationship", 2 p.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence, hearing entitled "The Future of Homeland Security: Addressing the Rise of Terrorism in Africa", 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, Subcommittee on Modernization, hearing entitled "Legislative Branch Advancement: GAO Modernization", 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled "Oversight of the U.S. Copyright Office", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Destroying America's Best Idea: Examining the Biden Administration's Use of National Park Service Lands for Migrant Camps", 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability*, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation; and the Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs, joint hearing entitled "Combating Ransomware Attacks", 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Science and Technology at the EPA", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Action Through Innovation: Private Sector Solutions to Recouping Stolen Pandemic Loan Funds", 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, business meeting on Documents protected under Internal Revenue Code section 6103, 10:30 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meeting

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: to hold hearings to examine the United Nations and Ukraine, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn Building.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of September 27 through  
September 29, 2023

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3935, Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act (the legislative vehicle for the continuing resolution), post-cloture.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry*: September 27, to hold hearings to examine foreign ownership in U.S. agriculture, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Armed Services*: September 28, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Derek H. Chollet, of Nebraska, to be Under Secretary for Policy, and Cara L. Abercrombie, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*: September 27, business meeting to consider S. 2860, to create protections for financial institutions that provide financial services to State-sanctioned marijuana businesses and service providers for such businesses, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget*: September 27, to hold hearings to examine Medicare, 10 a.m., SD-106.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*: September 28, to hold hearings to examine opportunities to counter the People's Republic of China's control of critical mineral supply chains through increased mining and processing in the United States as well as international engagement and trade, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works*: September 27, business meeting to consider S. 654, to amend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act to reauthorize Delaware River Basin conservation programs, an original bill entitled, "Brownfields Reauthorization



Act”, and an original bill entitled, “Strengthening Coastal Communities Act”; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the General Services Administration, focusing on examining the Federal real estate portfolio, 9:45 a.m., SD-406.

September 28, Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold hearings to examine solutions to address beverage container waste, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance*: September 28, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Marjorie A. Rollinson, of Virginia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury, and Patricia Hart Neuman, of the District of Columbia, and Demetrios L. Kouzoukas, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, and both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs*: September 27, business meeting to consider 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, 10:15 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*: September 27, to hold hearings to examine water as a trust resource, focusing on access in Native communities, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: September 28, business meeting to consider the nominations of Richard E.N. Federico, of Kansas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, Joshua Paul Kolar, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Jeffrey M. Bryan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota, Eumi K. Lee, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, and Deborah Robinson, of New Jersey, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Rules and Administration*: September 27, to hold hearings to examine AI and the future of our elections, 3:30 p.m., SR-301.

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### House Committees

*Committee on Armed Services*, September 28, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining Irregularity in the Strategic Basing Process for U.S. Space Command”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Workforce*, September 28, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development, hearing entitled “How SCOTUS’s Decision on Race-Based Admissions is Shaping University Policies”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, September 28, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Investigating the Role of Electric Infrastructure in the Catastrophic Maui Fire”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

September 28, Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, hearing entitled “Powering America’s Economy, Security, and Our Way of Life: Examining the State of Grid Reliability”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, September 28, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Reclaiming Congress’s Article I Powers: Counterterrorism AUMF Reform”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

September 28, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Communism on Our Doorstep: The Threat of China’s Malign Influence in Latin America”, 2 p.m., HVC-210.

September 28, Subcommittee on Indo-Pacific, hearing entitled “Lasers and Water Cannons: Exposing the Chinese Communist Party’s Harassment in the South China Sea”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, September 28, Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security, hearing entitled “Projecting Presence and Power in the Indo-Pacific: An Examination of the United States Coast Guard’s Contributions to Maritime Security”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on House Administration*, September 28, Full Committee, markup on Committee Resolution 118-22, updates and modernizes the Members Congressional Handbook; Committee Resolution 118-23, updates and modernizes the Committee Handbook; Committee Resolution 118-24, updates and modernizes the Eligible Congressional Member Organization (ECMO) Handbook; Committee Resolution 118-21, to approve an additional Committee Consultant Contract Agreement with the Committee on the Budget; legislation to update House Rule 24 Clause 8 to clarify the Franking blackout period is 60 days prior to an election in which the members name will appear on a ballot to bring House Rules in line with the statute; H.R. 3196, the “Architect of the Capitol Appointment Act of 2023”; H. Res. 458, requiring foreign state media outlets with credentialed members in the House news media galleries to comply with the Foreign Agents Registration Act by prohibiting the admission into such galleries of reporters and correspondents who are representatives of such outlets who are not in compliance with the requirements of such Act, and for other purposes; legislation which extends the Federal Election Commission’s Administrative Fine Program by 10 years; H.R. 4474, the “Confirmation of Congressional Observer Access Act of 2023”; and H.R. 4460, the “NO VOTE for Non-Citizens Act”, 12 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, September 28, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the Federal Accountability in Interviews Reform Act; H.R. 1105, the “Debbie Smith Act of 2023”; legislation on the Rape Kit Backlog Progress Act of 2023; H.R. 4531, the “Support

for Patients and Communities Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 2553, the “No More Political Prosecutions Act”; H.J. Res. 11, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to limit the number of terms that a Member of Congress may serve; and H.R. 786, to amend title 28, United States Code, to provide an additional place for holding court for the Pecos Division of the Western District of Texas, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, September 28, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing on H.R. 2437, to revise the boundaries of a unit of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System in Topsail, North Carolina, and for other purposes; H.R. 3415, the “Pilot Butte Power Plant Conveyance Act”; H.R. 4385, the “Drought Preparedness Act”; and H.R. 5490, the “BEACH Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

September 28, Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled “Tribal Autonomy and Energy Development: Implementation of the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act”, 10:15 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

September 28, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 1121, the “Protecting American Energy Production Act”; and H.R. 5616, the “BRIDGE Production Act of 2023”, 2:15 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability*, September 28, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Basis for an Impeachment Inquiry of President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, September 28, Subcommittee on Rural Development, Energy and Supply Chains, hearing entitled “Energy Independence: How Burdensome Regulations are Crushing Offshore Small Energy Producers”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, September 28, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “Clean Water Infrastructure Financing: State and Local Perspectives and Recent Developments”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, September 28, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “VA’s Fiduciary Program: Ensuring Veterans’ Benefits are Properly Managed”, 10 a.m., 360 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, September 28, Subcommittee on Work and Welfare, hearing entitled “Modernizing Child Welfare to Protect Vulnerable Children”, 10 a.m., 2020 Rayburn.

September 28, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5688, the “Bipartisan HSA Improvement Act of 2023”; and H.R. 5687, the “HSA Modernization Act of 2023”, 1 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Wednesday, September 27

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 3935, Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act (the legislative vehicle for the continuing resolution), post-cloture.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Wednesday, September 27

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Continue consideration of H.R. 4368—Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024.

Begin consideration of H.R. 4365—Making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.

Begin consideration of H.R. 4367—Making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.



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