

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4729–S4798

Measures Introduced: Thirty-four bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2962–2995, and S. Res. 378–385. **Pages S4759–60**

Measures Reported:

S. 2860, to create protections for financial institutions that provide financial services to State-sanctioned marijuana businesses and service providers for such businesses, with amendments. **Page S4759**

Measures Passed:

National Hazing Awareness Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 360, designating the week of September 25 through September 29, 2023, as “National Hazing Awareness Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S4748**

Measures Considered:

Securing Growth and Robust Leadership American Aviation Act—Agreement: Senate began 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, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S4729–39**

Pending:

Schumer (for Murray) Amendment No. 1292, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S4733**

Schumer Amendment No. 1293 (to Amendment No. 1292), to add an effective date. **Pages S4733–34**

Schumer motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 1294, to add an effective date. **Page S4734**

Schumer Amendment No. 1295 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1294), to modify the effective date. **Page S4734**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Schumer (for Murray) Amendment No. 1292 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Saturday, September 30, 2023. **Page S4734**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Schumer (for Murray) Amendment No. 1292 (listed above). **Page S4734**

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

By 76 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. 241), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S4733**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Friday, September 29, 2023; and that at 12 noon, Senate execute the order of Wednesday, September 27, 2023, relating to the nominations of Todd Gee, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi, and Tara K. McGrath, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of California; that all debate time be considered expired, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed. **Page S4798**

Veto Messages:

Lesser Prairie Chicken CRA: By 47 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 242), two-thirds of the Senators voting, a quorum being present, not having voted in the affirmative, 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”, upon reconsideration failed of passage, and the veto of the President was sustained. **Pages S4739–40**

Northern Long-Eared Bat CRA: By 47 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 243), two-thirds of the Senators voting, a quorum being present, not having voted in the affirmative, 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”, upon reconsideration failed of passage, and the veto of the President was sustained. **Page S4740**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Robert G. Taub, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2028.

Thomas G. Day, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2028. **Page S4740**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Aprille Joy Ericsson, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel.

John N. Nkengasong, of Georgia, to be Ambassador-At-Large for Global Health Security and Diplomacy. **Page S4793**

Executive Communications: **Pages S4749–55**

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Amendments Submitted: **Pages S4767–68**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S4798**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S4798**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—243) **Pages S4733, S4740**

Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and recessed at 7 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, September 29, 2023. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S4798.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing 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.

CRITICAL MINERAL SUPPLY CHAINS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Tommy Beaudreau, Deputy Secretary of the Interior; Daniel Yergin, S and P Global, Washington, D.C.; and Mark Compton, American Exploration and Mining Association, Spokane Valley, Washington.

BEVERAGE CONTAINER WASTE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight concluded a hearing to examine solutions to address beverage container waste, after receiving testimony from Susan V. Collins, Container Recycling Institute, Culver City, California; Jules Bailey, Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative, Clackamas; and Steve Alexander, Association of Plastic Recyclers, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported 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, and Deborah Robinson, of New Jersey, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 49 public bills, H.R. 5778–5826; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 736–740, were introduced. **Pages H4853–55**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4857–58**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 1752, to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to provide for a high-speed broadband deployment initiative, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–229, Part 1). **Page H4853**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thompson (PA) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4717**

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2024: The House passed H.R. 4367, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, by a yea-and-nay vote of 220 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 505. Consideration began September 27th. **Pages H4799–H4802, H4847–48**

Rejected the Escobar motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations by a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 504. **Pages H4847–48**

Rejected:

Norman amendment (No. 66 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–216) that was debated on September 27th that sought to reduce the salary of Kristie Canegallo, Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security, to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 169 yeas to 261 noes, Roll No. 458); **Pages H4799–H4800**

Norman amendment (No. 67 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–216) that was debated on September 27th that sought to reduce the salary of Kimberly O'Connor, Executive Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 165 yeas to 253 noes, Roll No. 459); **Pages H4800–01**

Norman amendment (No. 69 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–216) that was debated on September 27th that sought to reduce the salary of Blas Nuez-Neto, Assistant Secretary for Border and Immigration Policy, to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 170 yeas to 260 noes, Roll No. 460); and **Page H4801**

Rosendale amendment (No. 74 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–216) that was debated on September 27th that sought to reduce total amount appropriated by \$8,722,000,000 (by a recorded vote of 75 yeas to 347 noes, Roll No. 461). **Pages H4801–02**

H. Res. 723, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4365), (H.R. 4367), (H.R. 4665), and (H.R. 4368) was agreed to Tuesday, September

26th. Ukraine Security Assistance and Oversight Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024, Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024, and Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2024—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 730, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5692) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4365) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; and providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4367) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, by a recorded vote of 217 yeas to 211 noes, Roll No. 457, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 210 nays. Roll No. 456. **Pages H4791–99**

Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024: The House passed H.R. 4665, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 212 nays, Roll No. 500. **Pages H4719–91, H4802–20, H4844–45**

Rejected the Salinas motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations by a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 217 nays, Roll No. 499. **Page H4844**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in part C of the report of H. Rep. 118–216 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. **Pages H4725–58**

Agreed to:

Diaz-Balart en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216: Boebert (No. 1) that transfers \$3 million to increase DNA forensic technology programs to combat human trafficking in Central America and Mexico; Miller (WV) (No. 2) that increases and decreases by \$1 million for research and analysis for the State Department with the intent that the \$1 million will be used for research into the economic impact of modern trade with Ecuador including Ecuadorian exports to the United States, imports from the United States to Ecuador, and the general economic stability and GDP of Ecuador and recommendations to continue further economic and trade ties with the United States; Gottheimer (No. 3) that increases and decreases funding for the Department of State, Administration of Foreign Affairs,

to support the State Department and Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism's research on promising overseas programs, policies, and actions that counter antisemitism including those that focus on law enforcement and hate crime prosecutions, multi-faith and intercommunal coalition building, combating online hate, and antisemitism education.”; Grothman (No. 4) that increases and decreases funding for the Department of State and the Foreign Service to highlight the need for the Department to brief Congress every 180 days on the status of funds being sent to Ukraine; Miller (WV) (No. 5) that increases and decreases by \$500,000 for general administration to support activity by the Office of Legal Adviser to assist citizens of the United States attempting to collect arbitration awards recognized by Federal courts under the Federal Arbitration Act; Molinaro (No. 6) that increases and decreases funding for the Consular and Border Security Programs by \$5,000,000 to expedite passport processing, hire additional personnel, and cut down on wait times; Grothman (No. 12) that increases and decreases funding for the United States Agency for International Development to express the need for USAID to brief Congress every 180 days on the status of funds sent to Ukraine; Titus (No. 19) that increases and decreases funding to the Complex Crises Fund to support the goals of the Global Fragility Act of 2019; Connolly (No. 21) that increases and decreases the assistance for Europe, Eurasia, and Central Asia by \$10 million to support a strong U.S.-Georgia partnership and Georgia's EuroAtlantic aspirations based on democratic institutions, the rule of law, accountability for those who engage in corruption, and an independent and impartial judiciary; Ogles (No. 24) that increases the budget of the Office of the Inspector General of the Peace Corps by \$2,700,000; Moskowitz (No. 32) that uses available funds to expand eligibility for security upgrades for soft targets to include places of worship for U.S. Embassy staff and dependents; Mast (No. 33) that prohibits funds from being used to support a Palestinian State unless the U.S. Secretary of State certifies that the government of the new Palestinian State exercises full territorial jurisdiction over the Gaza Strip; Ogles (No. 34) that increases Foreign Military Financing (FMF) program funding for Taiwan by \$10 million; Molinaro (No. 35) that increases and decreases funding for food security and agriculture development programs by \$9,000,000 to bolster food assistance; Tiffany (No. 37) that increases and decreases funding for food security and agriculture development programs by \$9,000,000 to bolster food assistance; and Ogles (No. 52) that prohibits the use of funds from being used to display

maps that inaccurately depict the occupied country of Tibet as part of the People's Republic of China;

Pages H4758–59

Jackson Lee (No. 16 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that increases by \$1,000,000 and decreases by \$1,000,000 the Global Health Programs account to highlight and support the fight against the practice of Female Genital Mutilation;

Pages H4762–63

Tiffany (No. 38 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits the use of funds to enforce arbitrary restrictions on executive branch officials regarding travel to Taiwan and normal communication with Taiwanese officials imposed by the State Department through the “Memorandum for All Department and Agency Executive Secretaries” entitled “Revised Guidelines on Interaction with Taiwan” dated June 29, 2021;

Pages H4769–70

Ogles (No. 39 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that reduces the salary of Secretary Antony J. Blinken to \$1;

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Ogles (No. 40 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits the use of funds for the Office of Palestinian Affairs;

Pages H4770–71

Gooden (TX) (No. 53 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits funding to implement the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration;

Page H4783

Boebert (No. 55 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that ensures no funds to enforce or implement a covid-19 vaccine mandate for international travelers;

Pages H4784–85

Mooney (No. 56 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits economic support funds from being obligated or expended to Mexico under Chapter 4 of Part II of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961;

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Hageman (No. 59 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits State Department Remote Work Agreements which allow a domestically assigned employee's alternative worksite to be located outside of the locality pay area of the regular worksite;

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Issa (No. 62 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that blocks funding for negotiations toward renewing the US-China Science and Technology Cooperation Protocol;

Pages H4789–90

Gaetz (No. 46 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits funds made available by the bill from being used to implement the Paris Agreement (by a recorded vote of 219 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 477);

Pages H4777–78, H4812–13

Foxx (No. 61 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits the State Department from using taxpayer funds to send employees to any event or conference hosted by the Clinton Global Initiative

(by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 215 noes, Roll No. 486); **Pages H4788–89, H4818–19**

Burchett (No. 66 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits funds from being used for the Art in Embassies program; **Page H4827**

Tenney (No. 68 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that reduces the salary of the Special Envoy to Iran Robert Malley to \$1; **Pages H4828–29**

Burchett (No. 67 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits funds from being used for the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate (by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 490); **Pages H4827–28, H4838**

Tenney (No. 69 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits funds to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel out of Jerusalem (by a recorded vote of 360 ayes to 67 noes, Roll No. 491);

Pages H4829, H4838–39

Roy (No. 70 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that none of the funds appropriated by this Act may be used to implement President Biden's climate change Executive orders (by a recorded vote of 216 ayes to 213 noes, Roll No. 492); and

Pages H4829–30, H4839–40

Ogles (No. 76 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that prohibits the use of funds to delist the Iran Revolutionary Guard Corps as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (by a recorded vote of 351 ayes to 81 noes, Roll No. 496). **Pages H4834–35, H4842**

Rejected:

Crane (No. 8 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to eliminate funding to the United States Institute of Peace (by a recorded vote of 134 ayes to 298 noes, Roll No. 462);

Pages H4759, H4802–03

Crane (No. 10 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to eliminate funding to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, Salaries and Expenses (by a recorded vote of 78 ayes to 353 noes with one answering "present", Roll No. 463);

Pages H4759–60, H4803–04

Crane (No. 13 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to reduce funding by 50% for USAID (by a recorded vote of 102 ayes to 336 noes, Roll No. 464);

Pages H4760–61, H4804

Perry (No. 15 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to eliminate funding to the U.S. Agency for International Development, Funds Appropriated to the President Capital Investment Fund (by a recorded vote of 111 ayes to 315 noes, Roll No. 465);

Pages H4761–62, H4804–05

Gaetz (No. 17 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to reduce funds apportioned to USAID by \$4.5 billion and transfers to the Spending Reduction Account to recoup the \$4.5 billion the agency provided to the Government of

Ukraine to help pay off its sovereign debt (by a recorded vote of 115 ayes to 312 noes, Roll No. 466);

Pages H4763–64, H4805–06

Perry (No. 18 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to reduce International Disaster Assistance funding to \$0 (by a recorded vote of 86 ayes to 346 noes, Roll No. 467);

Pages H4764–65, H4806

Perry (No. 20 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to reduce Economic Support Fund funding to the FY18 enacted level (by a recorded vote of 131 ayes to 297 noes, Roll No. 468);

Pages H4765–66, H4806–07

Perry (No. 22 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to reduce Migration and Refugee Assistance funding to \$0 (by a recorded vote of 121 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 469);

Pages H4766, H4807–08

Ogles (No. 23 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to transfer \$14.3 million from the Peace Corps budget to the Spending Reduction Account (by a recorded vote of 135 ayes to 295 noes, Roll No. 470);

Pages H4766–67, H4808

Kelly (MS) (No. 27 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to reduce funding by \$10,000,000 for the Global Environment Facility Fund (by a recorded vote of 199 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 471);

Pages H4767–68, H4808–09

Plaskett (No. 36 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to strike section 7070(d) which prohibits the classification of any communications by a U.S. person as misinformation, disinformation, or malinformation (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 236 noes, Roll No. 472);

Pages H4768–69, H4809–10

Greene (GA) (No. 42 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to prohibit assistance to Ukraine (by a recorded vote of 90 ayes to 342 noes, Roll No. 473);

Pages H4771–73, H4810

Greene (GA) (No. 43 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to prohibit funds from being used by the Secretary of State to initiate a drawdown and delivery of defense articles and services from Department of Defense stocks to Ukraine (by a recorded vote of 92 ayes to 340 noes, Roll No. 474);

Pages H4773–74, H4810–11

Steube (No. 44 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to ensure none of the funds made available by this Act may be made available for Lebanese Armed Forces (by a recorded vote of 120 ayes to 309 noes with one answering "present", Roll No. 475);

Pages H4774–75, H4811–12

Steube (No. 45 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to ensure none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to provide

assistance to Iraq (by a recorded vote of 104 ayes to 327 noes, Roll No. 476); **Pages H4775–77, H4812**

Boebert (No. 47 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to decrease salary of UN Ambassador Linda Thomas Greenfield to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 151 ayes to 278 noes, Roll No. 478); **Pages H4778, H4813–14**

Boebert (No. 48 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to decrease salary of the Director of Policy Planning Staff Salman Ahmed to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 166 ayes to 265 noes, Roll No. 479); **Pages H4778–79, H4814**

Boebert (No. 49 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to decrease Salary of Department's Acting Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer Constance Mayor to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 197 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 480); **Pages H4779–80, H4814–15**

Boebert (No. 50 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to decrease salary of Palestinian affairs officer George Noll to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 191 ayes to 238 noes, Roll No. 481); **Pages H4780, H4815–16**

Ogles (No. 51 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to prohibit funds in this Act from being made available to Pakistan (by a recorded vote of 132 ayes to 298 noes, Roll No. 482); **Pages H4780–83, H4816**

Gooden (TX) (No. 54 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to prohibit taxpayer dollars from funding the International Organization for Migration's "Refugee Travel Loan Program." (by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 483); **Pages H4783–84, H4816–17**

Spartz (No. 57 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to prohibit funding for United Nations entities unless specifically appropriated in the underlying bill (by a recorded vote of 188 ayes to 242 noes, Roll No. 484); **Pages H4785–87, H4817–18**

Hageman (No. 58 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to prohibit funds from being made available for the State Department's Office of Global Change (by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 219 noes, Roll No. 485); **Pages H4787–88, H4818**

Burchett (No. 63 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to reduce the salary of the Special Assistant to the Director of Programming at Voice of America to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 170 ayes to 260 noes, Roll No. 487); **Pages H4790, H4819–20**

Burchett (No. 64 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to reduce the salary of the Chief Management Officer at the US Agency for Global Media to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 171 ayes to 258 noes, Roll No. 488); **Pages H4790–91, H4820**

Burchett (No. 65 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to reduce the salary of the Deputy Chief Executive Officer at the US Agency for Global Media to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 173 ayes to 255 noes, Roll No. 489); **Pages H4826–27, H4837–38**

Davidson (No. 71 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to reduce the salary of Victoria Nuland, Acting United States Deputy Secretary of State and Under Secretary for Political Affairs, to \$1 (by a recorded vote of 161 ayes to 268 noes, Roll No. 493); **Pages H4830–32, H4840**

Steube (No. 73 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to ensure none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to provide assistance to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 232 noes, Roll No. 494); **Pages H4832–33, H4840–41**

Perry (No. 74 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to prohibit any funds from being made available for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 218 noes, Roll No. 495); **Pages H4833–34, H4841–42**

Massie (No. 77 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to state none of the funds made available by this Act may be used to transfer cluster munitions to any foreign country (by a recorded vote of 178 ayes to 253 noes, Roll No. 497); and **Pages H4835–36, H4842–43**

Burgess (No. 78 printed in part D of H. Rept. 118–216) that sought to reduce foreign assistance to certain countries based on the number of unaccompanied alien children who entered the U.S. from those countries (by a recorded vote of 187 ayes to 244 noes, Roll No. 498). **Pages H4836–37, H4843–44**

H. Res. 723, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4365), (H.R. 4367), (H.R. 4665), and (H.R. 4368) was agreed to Tuesday, September 26th. Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2024: The House passed H.R. 4365, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, by a yea-and-nay vote of 218 yeas to 210 nays, Roll No. 502. **Page H4846**

Rejected the Jacobs motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations by a yea-and-nay vote of 210 yeas to 218 nays, Roll No. 501. **Pages H4845–46**

H. Res. 723, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4365), (H.R. 4367), (H.R. 4665), and (H.R. 4368) was agreed to Tuesday, September 26th. Ukraine Security Assistance and Oversight Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024: The House passed H.R. 5692, making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024,

by a yea-and-nay vote of 311 yeas to 117 nays, Roll No. 503. **Pages H4846–47**

Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024: The House failed to pass 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 yea-and-nay vote of 191 yeas to 237 nays, Roll No. 507. **Pages H4848–50**

Rejected the Budzinski motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations by a yea-and-nay vote of 211 yeas to 217 nays, Roll No. 506. **Page H4849**

H. Res. 723, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4365), (H.R. 4367), (H.R. 4665), and (H.R. 4368) was agreed to Tuesday, September 26th.

Clerk to Correct: Agreed by unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 4365, H.R. 4367, and H.R. 4665 to include corrections in spelling, punctuation, section numbering and cross-referencing and the insertion of appropriate headings. **Page H4850**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on September 29th. **Page H4850**

Change in Conferees: The Chair appointed the following conferees on H.R. 2670 in lieu of their appointments on September 19, 2023: From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of subtitle J of title X of division A, secs. 1085 and 1086, title LXVII I of division E, division I, and division J of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Representatives McHenry, Luetkemeyer, and Waters. **Page H4850**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Ten yea-and-nay votes and forty-two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4798, H4798–99, H4799–H4800, H4800–01, H4801, H4801–02, H4803, H4803–04, H4804, H4805, H4805–06, H4806, H4807, H4807–08, H4808, H4809, H4809–10, H4810, H4811, H4811–12, H4812, H4813, H4813–14, H4814, H4815, H4815–16, H4816, H4817, H4817–18, H4818, H4819, H4819–20, H4820, H4837–38, H4838, H4838–39, H4839–40, H4840, H4840–41, H4841–42, H4842, H4842–43, H4843–44, H4844, H4844–45, H4845–46, H4846, H4846–47, H4847–48, H4848, H4849, and H4849–50.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:41 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINING IRREGULARITY IN THE STRATEGIC BASING PROCESS FOR U.S. SPACE COMMAND

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining Irregularity in the Strategic Basing Process for U.S. Space Command”. Testimony was heard from Frank Kendall III, Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense; General James H. Dickinson, U.S. Army, Commander, U.S. Space Command; and General Chance Saltzman, Chief of Space Operations, U.S. Space Force.

HOW SCOTUS’S DECISION ON RAC-BASED ADMISSIONS IS SHAPING UNIVERSITY POLICIES

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled “How SCOTUS’s Decision on Race-Based Admissions is Shaping University Policies”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

INVESTIGATING THE ROLE OF ELECTRIC INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE CATASTROPHIC MAUI FIRE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Investigating the Role of Electric Infrastructure in the Catastrophic Maui Fire”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Case and Tokuda; Leodoloff R. Asuncion, Jr., Chairman, Hawaii Public Utilities Commission; Mark B. Glick, Chief Energy Officer, Hawai’i State Energy Office; and a public witness.

POWERING AMERICA’S ECONOMY, SECURITY, AND OUR WAY OF LIFE: EXAMINING THE STATE OF GRID RELIABILITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security held a hearing entitled “Powering America’s Economy, Security, and Our Way of Life: Examining the State of Grid Reliability”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RECLAIMING CONGRESS’S ARTICLE I POWERS: COUNTERTERRORISM AUMF REFORM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Reclaiming Congress’s Article I Powers: Counterterrorism AUMF Reform”. Testimony was heard from Victoria Nuland, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs, Department of State; Christopher P. Maier, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict, Department of Defense; Caroline Krass,

General Counsel, Department of Defense; and Richard C. Visek, Acting Legal Adviser, Department of State.

COMMUNISM ON OUR DOORSTEP: THE THREAT OF CHINA'S MALIGN INFLUENCE IN LATIN AMERICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Communism on Our Doorstep: The Threat of China’s Malign Influence in Latin America”. Testimony was heard from Kerri Hannan, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and Mileydi Guilarte, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Agency for International Development.

LASERS AND WATER CANNONS: EXPOSING THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY'S HARASSMENT IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Indo-Pacific held hearing entitled “Lasers and Water Cannons: Exposing the Chinese Communist Party’s Harassment in the South China Sea”. Testimony was heard from Jung H. Pak, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multilateral Affairs, Department of State; Lindsey W. Ford, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for South and Southeast Asia, Department of Defense; and Vice Admiral Andrew J. Tiongson, Commander, Pacific Area, U.S. Coast Guard.

PROJECTING PRESENCE AND POWER IN THE INDO-PACIFIC: AN EXAMINATION OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO MARITIME SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Projecting Presence and Power in the Indo-Pacific: An Examination of the United States Coast Guard’s Contributions to Maritime Security”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Andrew J. Tiongson, Commander, Pacific Area, U.S. Coast Guard; Brigadier General Neil R. Richardson, Deputy Director for Strategic Planning and Policy, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, U.S. Air Force; and Camille P. Dawson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a markup on Committee Resolution 118–22, to update and modernize the Members Congressional Handbook; Committee Resolution 118–23, to update and modernize the Committee Handbook; Committee Resolution 118–24, to update and modernize the Eligible Congressional Member Organization Handbook; Committee Resolution 118–21, to ap-

prove an additional Committee Consultant Contract Agreement with the Committee on the Budget; H. Res. 731, amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to modify the period before the date of any primary election or general election during which a mass mailing is not frankable by a Member of the House who is a candidate in such election, and for other purposes; H.R. 3196, the “Architect of the Capitol Appointment Act of 2023”; and H.R. 5734, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to extend the Administrative Fine Program for certain reporting violations. Committee Resolutions 118–21, 118–22, 118–23, and 118–24 were approved. H.R. 3196, H. Res. 731, and H.R. 5734 were ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5736, the “Federal Accountability in Interviews Reform Act”; H.R. 1105, the “Debbie Smith Act of 2023”; H.R. 5721, 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. H.R. 4531, H.R. 5721, and H.R. 2553 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 786 and H.R. 1105 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.J. Res. 11 was not agreed to.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a 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”. Testimony was heard from Matt Strickler, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; Tom Leonard, Alderman, North Topsail Beach, North Carolina; and public witnesses.

TRIBAL AUTONOMY AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INDIAN TRIBAL ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled

“Tribal Autonomy and Energy Development: Implementation of the Indian Tribal Energy Development and Self-Determination Act”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 1121, the “Protecting American Energy Production Act”; and H.R. 5616, the “BRIDGE Production Act of 2023”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE BASIS FOR AN IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY OF PRESIDENT JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Basis for an Impeachment Inquiry of President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENERGY INDEPENDENCE: HOW BURDENSOME REGULATIONS ARE CRUSHING OFFSHORE SMALL ENERGY PRODUCERS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Rural Development, Energy and Supply Chains held a hearing entitled “Energy Independence: How Burdensome Regulations are Crushing Offshore Small Energy Producers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CLEAN WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING: STATE AND LOCAL PERSPECTIVES AND RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “Clean Water Infrastructure Financing: State and Local Perspectives and Recent Developments”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

VA’S FIDUCIARY PROGRAM: ENSURING VETERANS’ BENEFITS ARE PROPERLY MANAGED

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled “VA’s Fiduciary Program: Ensuring Veterans’ Benefits are Properly Managed”. Testimony was heard from Kevin Friel, Deputy Director, Pension and Fiduciary Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Lisa Van Haeren, Director, Claims and Fiduciary Division, Office of Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs.

MODERNIZING CHILD WELFARE TO PROTECT VULNERABLE CHILDREN

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Work and Welfare held a hearing entitled “Modernizing Child Welfare to Protect Vulnerable Children”. Testimony was heard from Tracy Gruber, Executive Director, Utah Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5688, the “Bipartisan HSA Improvement Act of 2023”; and H.R. 5687, the “HSA Modernization Act of 2023”. H.R. 5688 and H.R. 5687 were ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 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 29

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Friday, September 29

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 3935, Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act (the legislative vehicle for the continuing resolution). The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill is 1 p.m.

At approximately 12 noon, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Todd Gee, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi for the term of four years, and Tara K. McGrath, of California, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of California for the term of four years.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: To be announced.



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