

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4921–S4940*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirty-one bills and twelve resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3009–3039, S. Res. 395–405, and S. Con. Res. 21.

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#### Measures Reported:

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. 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.

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.

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#### Measures Passed:

**National Clean Energy Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 398, designating the week of September 25 through September 29, 2023, as “National Clean Energy Week”.

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**National 4–H Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 399, expressing support for the designation of October 1 through October 7, 2023, as “National 4–H Week”.

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**Honoring James William “Jimmy” Buffett:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 401, honoring the life, legacy, and contributions of James William Buffett.

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**Day of the Deployed:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 402, designating October 26, 2023, as the “Day of the Deployed”.

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**USA Rice-Ducks Unlimited Rice Stewardship Partnership 10th Anniversary:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 403, recognizing the 10th anniversary of the USA Rice-Ducks Unlimited Rice Stewardship Partnership.

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**Energy Efficiency Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 404, designating October 4, 2023, as “Energy Efficiency Day” in celebration of the economic and environmental benefits that have been driven by private sector innovation and Federal energy efficiency policies.

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**National Veterans Suicide Prevention Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 405, expressing support for the designation of September 30, 2023, as “National Veterans Suicide Prevention Day”.

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**Honoring the life and legacy of Senator Dianne Feinstein:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 400, honoring the life and legacy of Dianne Feinstein, the late Senator for the State of California.

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**Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President Pro Tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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**Signing Authority—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senators Kaine and Van Hollen be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions from Thursday, October 5, 2023 through Monday, October 16, 2023.

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**Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Friday, October 6, 2023, at 9:45 a.m.; Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 12:00 noon; and Friday, October 13, 2023, at 9:15 a.m.; and that

when the Senate adjourns on Friday, October 13, 2023, it next convene at 3:00 p.m., on Monday, October 16, 2023. **Page S4959**

**Hall Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jennifer L. Hall, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware. **Page S4940**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Wednesday, October 4, 2023, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, October 16, 2023. **Page S4940**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4940**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4940**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, October 16, 2023; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed on Wednesday, October 4, 2023 ripen at 5:30 p.m. **Page S4959**

**Munley Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Julia Kathleen Munley, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. **Page S4940**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jennifer L. Hall, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware. **Page S4940**

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**Gilbride Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Karla Ann Gilbride, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. **Page S4940**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Julia Kathleen Munley, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. **Page S4940**

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**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 67 yeas to 31 nays (Vote No. EX. 249), James C. O'Brien, of Nebraska, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European and Eurasian Affairs). **Pages S4921–27**

By 53 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 251), Brendan Abell Hurson, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Page S4927**

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

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 250), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S4927**

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 253), Susan Kim DeClercq, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. **Pages S4928–40**

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

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 252), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S4927–28**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Seth Robert Aframe, of New Hampshire, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

Edward Sunyol Kiel, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Sarah French Russell, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut. **Page S4959**

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**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S4958**

**Record Votes:** Five record votes were taken today. (Total—253) **Pages S4927–28, S4935**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory

of Dianne Feinstein, the late Senator for the State of California, in accordance with S. Res. 400, at 9:21 p.m., until 9:45 a.m. on Friday, October 6, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4959.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### UKRAINIAN AIR DEFENSES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee received a closed briefing on United States assistance to Ukrainian Air Defenses from William A. LaPlante, Under Secretary for Acquisition and Sustainment, Douglas R. Bush, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, Dana Stroul, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Middle East, and Lieutenant General Douglas Sims II, Director for Operations, Joint Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Michael G. Whitaker, of Vermont, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, after the nominee, who was introduced by Representative Sam Graves, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### CHIPS AND SCIENCE IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine CHIPS and science implementation and oversight, after receiving testimony from Gina M. Raimondo, Sec-

retary of Commerce; and Sethuraman Panchanathan, Director, National Science Foundation.

### BUILD ACT

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the BUILD Act reauthorization and Development Finance Corporation oversight, after receiving testimony from Scott Nathan, Chief Executive Officer, United States International Development Finance Corporation.

### KOREAN PENINSULA SECURITY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy concluded a hearing to examine security on the Korean Peninsula, after receiving testimony from Victor D. Cha, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Scott A. Snyder, Council on Foreign Relations, and Jenny Town, Stimson Center, all of Washington, D.C.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Mustafa Taher Kasubhai, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, who was introduced by Senators Wyden and Merkley, John A. Kazen, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, Shanlyn A.S. Park, and Micah W.J. Smith, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, who were both introduced by Senators Hirono and Schatz, and Jamel Semper, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, who was introduced by Senators Booker and Menendez, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m. on Friday, October 6, 2023.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9:45 a.m., Friday, October 6

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Friday, October 6

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10 a.m.



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