

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5023–S5054

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3047–3065, and S. Res. 407–411. **Page S5048**

Measures Passed:

Bipartisan Howl-o-ween Dog Pawrade: Senate agreed to S. Res. 409, authorizing the use of the atrium in the Philip A. Hart Senate Office Building for a Bipartisan Howl-o-ween Dog Pawrade on October 31, 2023, from 4 to 6 p.m. **Page S5054**

National Loggers Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 410, designating October 12, 2023, as “National Loggers Day”. **Page S5054**

Majority Party’s Committee Membership: Senate agreed to S. Res. 411, to constitute the majority party’s membership on certain committees for the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, or until their successors are chosen. **Page S5054**

School Lunch CRA—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, and at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, no later than October 26, 2023, it be in order for Senator Marshall, or his designee, to move to proceed to the consideration of S.J. Res. 42, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Food and Nutrition Service relating to “Application of Bostock v. Clayton County to Program Discrimination Complaint Processing—Policy Update”; that if the motion to proceed is agreed to, there be ten hours of debate equally divided between the proponents and opponents of the joint resolution; that upon the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution, and that all other provisions under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, remain in effect except the 60 session day clock. **Pages S5053–54**

Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, Senate begin consideration of S.J. Res. 32, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)”; and that at 12 noon, Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution, without intervening action or debate. **Page S5054**

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia that was declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–25) **Page S5046**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 67 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. EX. 255), Jennifer L. Hall, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware. **Page S5028**

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 257), Julia Kathleen Munley, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. **Page S5029**

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

By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 256), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S5028–29**

By 50 yeas 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 259), Karla Ann Gilbride, of Maryland, to be General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for a term of four years. **Page S5036**

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

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 258), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5029**

Ana A. Escrigima, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman. **Page S5037**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.
- 3 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.
- 1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.
- 1 Space Force nomination in the rank of general.

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Executive Communications: **Pages S5047–48**

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Additional Statements: **Pages S5044–46**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S5052–53**

Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S5053**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—259) **Pages S5028–29, S5036**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:44 p.m., until 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5054.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and

Community Development concluded a hearing to examine community development financial institutions and promotion of housing and economic opportunity, including S. 869, to amend the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 to reauthorize and improve the community development financial institutions bond guarantee program, after receiving testimony from Julia Nelmark, Midwest Minnesota Community Development Corporation, Detroit Lakes; Renay Dossman, Neighborhood Development Center, Washington, D.C.; and Chrystel Cornelius, Oweesta Corporation, Longmont, Colorado.

NIL IN COLLEGE SPORTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of college sports, focusing on name, image, and likeness, after receiving testimony from Trinity Thomas, University of Florida, Gainesville; Jack Swarbrick, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana; Tony Petitti, Big Ten Conference, Rosemont, Illinois; Walker Jones, The Grove Collective, Collierville, Tennessee; Ramogi Huma, National College Players Association, Norco, California; Jill Bodensteiner, Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Charlie Baker, National Collegiate Athletic Association, Indianapolis, Indiana.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 5964–5977; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 790–793, were introduced. **Pages H5020–21**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H5022**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Call of the House: Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XX, Representative Johnson (LA) moved a call of the House. Accordingly, Members were counted and the Chair announced that 432 Members being counted, a quorum was present, Roll No. 520. **Pages H5017–18**

Election of Speaker: The House conducted one vote to elect a Speaker, from which a majority of 218 was not ascertained, therefore a Speaker was not elected. During the vote for Speaker, the Honorable Hakeem Jeffries received 212 votes, the Honorable Jim Jordan received 200 votes, the Honorable Steve Scalise received 7 votes, the Honorable Kevin McCarthy received 6 votes, the Honorable Lee Zeldin received 3 votes, the Honorable Mike Garcia (CA) received 1 vote, the Honorable Tom Emmer received 1 vote, the Honorable Tom Cole received 1 vote, and the Honorable Thomas Massie received 1 vote, Roll No. 521. Earlier, the Chair appointed Representatives

Steil, Morelle, Loudermilk, and Sewell to act as Tellers. Additional proceedings are expected tomorrow, October 18th.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:53 p.m. and reconvened at 6:19 p.m.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow, October 18th.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There was one quorum call, Roll No. 520, which appears on pages H5017–18.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: with the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, to hold joint hearings to examine military to civilian transition, focusing on success after service, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine achieving health care efficiency, focusing on improving care and lowering costs, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider the nominations of Michael G. Whitaker, of Vermont, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, Rebecca Kelly Slaughter, of Maryland, Melissa Holyoak, of Utah, and Andrew N. Ferguson, of Virginia, each to be a Federal Trade Commissioner, Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, Christopher Koos, of Illinois, and Joel Matthew Szabat, of Maryland, each to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, Douglas Dziak, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Subcommittee on Space and Science, to hold hearings to examine promoting safety, innovation, and competitiveness in U.S. commercial human space activities, 2 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the implications of *Sackett v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* for Clean Water Act of wetlands and streams, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine Medicare Advantage annual enrollment, focusing on cracking down on deceptive practices and improving senior experiences, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel, 10:30 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Monica M. Bertagnolli, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, and Border Safety, to hold hearings to examine the nation's immigration courts, focusing on preserving due process and the rule of law, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: with the Committee on Armed Services, to hold joint hearings to examine military to civilian transition, focusing on success after service, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce, hearing entitled "Safeguarding Data and Innovation: Building the Foundation for the Use of Artificial Intelligence", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials, hearing entitled "Exposing EPA Efforts to Limit Chemicals Needed for Life-Saving Medical Devices and Other Essential Products", 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee, hearing entitled "An Examination of the Iranian Regime's Threats to Homeland Security", 1 p.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled "Examining the Biden Administration's Unprecedented Obstruction of the BOEM Offshore Leasing Program", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing on H.R. 4389, the "Migratory Birds of the Americas Conservation Enhancements Act of 2023"; H.R. 4770, the "Chesapeake Bay Science, Education, and Ecosystem Enhancement Act of 2023"; and H.R. 5009, the "WILD Act", 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Securing Our Border, Saving Our National Parks", 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, hearing entitled "Strengthening Biosafety and Biosecurity Standards: Protecting Against Future Pandemics", 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Research and Technology, joint hearing entitled "Balancing Knowledge and Governance: Foundations for Effective Risk Management of Artificial Intelligence", 2:30 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “Running on Empty: The Highway Trust Fund”, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 522, the “Deliver for Veterans Act”; H.R. 2830, the “Veteran Improvement Commercial Driver License Act of 2023”; H.R. 3601, the “Student Veteran Work Study Modernization Act”; H.R. 3722, the “Daniel J. Harvey, Jr. and Adam Lambert Improving Servicemember Transition to Reduce Veteran Suicide Act”; H.R. 3738, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, and for other purposes; H.R. 3816, the “Veterans’ Entry to Apprenticeship Act”; H.R. 5190, the “Military Family Protection from Debt Act”; H.R. 5702, the “Expanding Access for Online Veteran Stu-

dents Act”; H.R. 5785, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the requirements of the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship; H.R. 5913, the “Consolidating Veteran Employment Services for Improved Performance Act of 2023”; H.R. 5914, the “Consolidating Veteran Employment Services for Improved Performance Act of 2023”; H.R. 5956, the “G.I. Bill Improvement Act”; and legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to waive the fee for a housing loan guaranteed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for a veteran with a service-connected disability who applied for such loan before receiving a disability rating from the Secretary, 3 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled “Protecting Beneficiaries from the Harm of Improper Payments”, 2 p.m., 2020 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will begin consideration of S.J. Res. 32, Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act, and vote on passage of the joint resolution at 12 noon.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Wednesday, October 18

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Election of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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