

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S5125–S5153*

**Measures Introduced:** Seventeen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3104–3120, S. Res. 423–426, and S. Con. Res. 22. **Pages S5143–44**

**Measures Passed:**

**Project Safe Childhood Act:** Senate passed S. 1170, to reauthorize and update the Project Safe Childhood program, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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**World Food Day:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 397, designating October 16, 2023, and October 16, 2024, as “World Food Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**Public Radio Music Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 425, expressing the support of the Senate for the designation of “Public Radio Music Day” and deep appreciation for the role of public radio music stations in serving listeners, musicians, and hundreds of communities in the United States.

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**National Bison Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 426, designating November 4, 2023, as “National Bison Day”.

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**Appropriations—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate resume consideration of H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024; that during consideration of the bill, Murray/Collins Amendment No. 1092 be considered an Appropriations Committee amendment for purposes of Rule XVI, with no other Rule XVI points of order waived by this agreement; that H.R. 4366, 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, as reported in the House of Representatives on June 27, 2023, and H.R. 4820, making appropriations for the Department

of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, as reported in the House of Representatives on July 24, 2023, serve as the basis for defense of germaneness under Rule XVI for any floor amendments, and that it be in order for floor amendments to amend the substitute in more than one place; that the only amendments in order to Murray/Collins Amendment No. 1092 be the following amendments, if offered; and that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader in consultation with the Republican Leader, Senate vote on or in relation to the amendments: Moran Amendment No. 1250; Daines Amendment No. 1185; Sullivan Amendment No. 1216; Sullivan Amendment No. 1221; Peters/Cornyn Amendment No. 1283; Rosen Amendment No. 1117; Schatz Amendment No. 1120; Booker/Tuberville Amendment No. 1175; Tillis/Welch Amendment No. 1264; Reed Amendment No. 1202; Britt Amendment No. 1270; Kelly/Tillis Amendment No. 1116; Hirono/Moran Amendment No. 1113; Warnock/Cornyn Amendment No. 1351; Smith/Ricketts Amendment No. 1134; Rosen/Crapo Amendment No. 1220; Cardin Amendment No. 1277; Padilla Amendment No. 1140; Shaheen Amendment No. 1131; Klobuchar/Moran Amendment No. 1203; Kelly Amendment No. 1133; Padilla Amendment No. 1139; Ossoff/Braun Amendment No. 1255; Merkley/Crapo Amendment No. 1352; Ernst Amendment No. 1177; Stabenow Amendment No. 1115; Vance Amendment No. 1210; Rubio Amendment No. 1237; Kennedy Amendment No. 1354; Braun Amendment No. 1182; Hawley Amendment No. 1200; Cruz Amendment No. 1296; Blackburn Amendment No. 1349; Budd Amendment No. 1243; Cramer Amendment No. 1241; Paul Amendment No. 1217; Paul Amendment No. 1347; Cruz Amendment No. 1249; Lankford Amendment No. 1232; and Lee Amendment No. 1121; that 60 affirmative votes be required for adoption of the following amendments: Cramer Amendment No. 1241; Paul Amendment No. 1217; Paul Amendment No. 1347; Cruz Amendment No. 1249; Lankford Amendment No. 1232; and Lee Amendment No. 1121; that upon disposition of the amendments listed above, Senate

vote on adoption of Murray/Collins Amendment No. 1092, as amended, if amended, with a 60 affirmative vote threshold required for adoption, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, if amended, with a 60 vote affirmative threshold required for passage; and that upon disposition of the bill, the Committee on Appropriations be discharged from further consideration, and Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 662, to amend the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2023 to improve disaster relief funding for agricultural producers, the Scott (FL)/Rubio substitute amendment at the desk be considered and agreed to, and Senate vote on passage of the bill, as amended, with a 60 affirmative vote threshold required for passage, without intervening action or debate. **Page S5128**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, October 25, 2023, notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate resume consideration of H.R. 4366, as provided under the order of Tuesday, October 24, 2023; that at 11:30 a.m., Senate continue consideration of the nomination of Jessica Looman, of Minnesota, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, post-cloture, and that all post-cloture time be considered expired; that upon disposition of the nomination of Jessica Looman, Senate resume legislative session. **Page S5152**

**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 that was originally declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006, with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-26) **Pages S5140-41**

**Looman Nomination:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Jessica Looman, of Minnesota, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor. **Page S5135**

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

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 264), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S5134-35**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. EX. 263), Michael G. Whitaker, of Vermont, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years. **Pages S5125-34**

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

By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. EX. 262), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S5132**

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

Kamala Shirin Lakhdhir, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia.

Claria Horn Boom, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2029.

Clinton J. Fuchs, of Maryland, to be United States Marshal for the District of Maryland for the term of four years.

John Gleeson, of New York, to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission for a term expiring October 31, 2029.

Johnny C. Gogo, of California, to be United States Attorney for the District of Guam and concurrently United States Attorney for the District of the Northern Mariana Islands for the term of four years.

Sara E. Hill, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

David L. Lemmon II, of West Virginia, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of West Virginia for the term of four years.

Joshua S. Levy, of Massachusetts, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts for the term of four years.

John David Russell, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma.

Routine lists in the Army and Coast Guard.

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**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Nancy Anderson Speight, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2024, which was sent to the Senate on June 12, 2023.

Nancy Anderson Speight, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 1, 2029, which was sent to the Senate on June 12, 2023. **Page S5153**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S5141-43**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S5144-46**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S5146-49**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S5139-40**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Pages S5149-50**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S5150**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—264) **Pages S5132, S5134-35**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:59 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, October 25, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5152.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### ROBOCALLS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Communications, Media, and Broadband concluded a hearing to examine protecting Americans from robocalls, after receiving testimony from Margot Freeman Saunders, National Consumer Law Center, on behalf of the Consumer Federation of America, Megan L. Brown, Wiley Rein LLP, on behalf of the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform, and Joshua M. Bercu, USTelecom—The Broadband Association Industry Traceback Group, all of Washington, D.C.; and Michael Rudolph, YouMail, Inc., Los Angeles, California.

### SAHEL AND WEST AFRICA

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine instability in the Sahel and West Africa, focusing on implications for United States policy, after receiving testimony from Molly Phee, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 118th Congress:

*Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations:* Senators Blumenthal (Chair), Carper, Hassan, Ossoff, Butler, Johnson, Scott (FL), Hawley, and Marshall.

*Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight:* Senators Hassan (Chair), Sinema, Rosen, Ossoff, Romney, Lankford, and Scott (FL).

*Subcommittee on Government Operations and Border Management:* Senators Sinema (Chair), Carper,

Blumenthal, Butler, Lankford, Johnson, and Romney.

*Senators Peters and Paul are ex-officio members of each subcommittee.*

## COMPETITION AND CONSUMER RIGHTS IN HOUSING MARKETS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Competition Policy, Antitrust, and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine competition and consumer rights in housing markets, after receiving testimony from Diane Yentel, National Low Income Housing Coalition, Vanessa Brown Calder, Cato Institute, Luis E. Quintero, Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School, and E.J. Antoni, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; and Maurice E. Stucke, University of Tennessee College of Law, Knoxville.

## INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

## THE PRECURSOR PIPELINE

*United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control:* Caucus concluded a hearing to examine the precursor pipeline, focusing on techniques that drug cartels use to procure and finance precursor chemicals that are used to manufacture illicit synthetic drugs, and actions the Federal government can take to address this issue, after receiving testimony from Margaret Nardi, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs; William F. Kimbell, Chief of Operations, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; and Ricardo Mayoral, Deputy Assistant Director, International Operations, Homeland Security Investigations, Department of Homeland Security.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 20 public bills, H.R. 6020–6039; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 70; and H. Res. 805–809, were introduced.

Pages H5042–43

**Additional Cosponsors:**

Pages H5044–45

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:02 a.m. and reconvened at 6:43 p.m.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon tomorrow, October 25th.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security began a markup on legislation on the Advanced Reactor Fee Reduction Act; legislation on the Advanced Nuclear Reactor Prize Act; legislation on the Nuclear for Brownfields Site Preparation Act; legislation on the Strengthening American Nuclear Competitiveness Act; legislation on the NRC Mission Alignment Act; legislation on the Nuclear Licensing Efficiency Act; legislation on the Advanced Nuclear Deployment Act; legislation on the Modernize Nuclear Reactor Environmental Reviews Act; legislation on the Advancing Nuclear Regulatory Oversight Act; H.R. 995, the “Global Nuclear Energy Assessment and Cooperation Act”; H.R. 5718, the “Nuclear Fuel Security Act of 2023”; H.R. 4528, the “Strengthening the NRC Workforce Act of 2023”; H.R. 4167, the “Protecting America’s Distribution Transformer Supply Chain Act”; legislation on the Hands Off Our Home Appliances Act; legislation on the GRID Act; legislation on the Affordable HOMES Act; and H.R. 4045, the “Hydropower Clean Energy Future Act”.

### OVERSIGHT OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce; and Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services held a joint hearing entitled “Oversight of the Internal Revenue Service”. Testimony was heard from Daniel Werfel, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; and Jessica Lucas-Judy, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office.

### MEASURING POVERTY: HOW THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION PLANS TO REDRAW THE POVERTY LINE AND ROB RESOURCES FROM RURAL AMERICA

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Work and Welfare held a hearing entitled “Measuring Poverty: How the Biden Administration Plans to Redraw the Poverty Line and Rob Resources from Rural America”. Testimony was heard from David Hansen, Director of Educational Opportunities and Investments, Perry County Job and Family Services, Ohio; and public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

#### Senate

*Committee on the Budget:* to hold hearings to examine how climate change threatens supply chains, 10 a.m., SD–608.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 175, to codify certain public land orders relating to the revocation of certain withdrawals of public land in the State of Alaska, S. 297, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to authorize certain construction activities on public lands, S. 1348, to redesignate land within certain wilderness study areas in the State of Wyoming, S. 1719, to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to establish emergency firehatched management areas, S. 1764, to improve Federal activities relating to wildfires, S. 1889, to provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 2132, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a pilot program for the establishment and use of a pre-fire-suppression stand density index, S. 2151, to amend the Southwest Forest Health and Wildlife Prevention Act of 2004 to require the establishment of an additional Institute under that Act, S. 2581, to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, S. 2615, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Village Corporations shall not be required to convey land in trust to the State of Alaska for the establishment of Municipal Corporations, S. 2855, to modernize and streamline the permitting process for broadband infrastructure on Federal land, S. 2867, to address the forest health crisis on the National Forest System and public lands, S. 2991, to improve revegetation and carbon sequestration activities in the United States, S. 3033, to withdraw certain Federal land in the Pecos Watershed area of the State of New Mexico from mineral entry, S. 3036, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Utah certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, S. 3044, to redesignate the Mount Evans Wilderness as the “Mount Blue Sky Wilderness”, S. 3045, to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over certain Federal land in the State of California, S. 3046, to make permanent the authority to collect Shasta-Trinity National Forest marina fees, H.R. 3324, to extend the authority to collect Shasta-Trinity Marina fees through fiscal year 2029, S. 3062, to provide for the removal of small-diameter trees in fire hazard areas, and S. 3079, to establish a policy regarding appraisal and valuation services for

real property for a transaction over which the Secretary of the Interior has jurisdiction, 2:30 p.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Finance*: to hold hearings to examine paid leave, focusing on policy, practice, and impact on the workforce, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations*: business meeting to consider the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel, Department of State, and other pending nominations, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation, to hold hearings to examine the Department of State's strategy for security in the Black Sea region, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*: business meeting to consider the nominations of Monica M. Bertagnolli, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Erika L. McEntarfer, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, Amanda Wood Laihow, of Maine, to be a Member of Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs*: business meeting to consider S. 2685, to make data and internal guidance on excess personal property publicly available, S. 2866, to improve the customer experience of the Federal Government, ensure that Federal services are simple, seamless, and secure, S. 3029, to amend title 5, United States Code, to increase death gratuities and funeral allowances for Federal employees, S. 2150, to establish an Interagency Council on Service to promote and strengthen opportunities for military service, national service, and public service for all people of the United States, S. 2087, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act, S. 2414, to require agencies with working dog programs to implement the recommendations of the Government Accountability Office relating to the health and welfare of working dogs, S. 1258, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to submit to Congress an annual report on projects that are over budget and behind schedule, S. 3071, to amend section 324 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to incentivize States, Indian Tribes, and Territories to close disaster recovery projects by authorizing the use of excess funds for management costs for other disaster recovery projects, and S. 3067, to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to conduct an evaluation and submit to Congress a report on ways to reduce the complexity of the cost effectiveness requirements for hazard mitigation assistance, 10:30 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on Indian Affairs*: to hold hearings to examine implementing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act in native communities, 2 p.m., SD-628.

*Committee on the Judiciary*: to hold hearings to examine ensuring the safety and well-being of unaccompanied children, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, to hold hearings to examine the human rights of foster children, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs*: to hold hearings to examine VA accountability and transparency, focusing on quality care and benefits for veterans, 3:30 p.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence*: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

## House

*Committee on Armed Services*, Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled "The Submarine Industrial Base and its Ability to Support the AUKUS Framework", 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, continue markup on legislation on the Advanced Reactor Fee Reduction Act; legislation on the Advanced Nuclear Reactor Prize Act; legislation on the Nuclear for Brownfields Site Preparation Act; legislation on the Strengthening American Nuclear Competitiveness Act; legislation on the NRC Mission Alignment Act; legislation on the Nuclear Licensing Efficiency Act; legislation on the Advanced Nuclear Deployment Act; legislation on the Modernize Nuclear Reactor Environmental Reviews Act; legislation on the Advancing Nuclear Regulatory Oversight Act; H.R. 995, the "Global Nuclear Energy Assessment and Cooperation Act"; H.R. 5718, the "Nuclear Fuel Security Act of 2023"; H.R. 4528, the "Strengthening the NRC Workforce Act of 2023"; H.R. 4167, the "Protecting America's Distribution Transformer Supply Chain Act"; legislation on the Hands Off Our Home Appliances Act; legislation on the GRID Act; legislation on the Affordable HOMES Act; and H.R. 4045, the "Hydropower Clean Energy Future Act", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Supporting Access to Long-Term Services and Supports: An Examination of the Impacts of Proposed Regulations on Workforce and Access to Care", 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services*, Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion, hearing entitled "Modernizing Financial Services Through Innovation and Competition", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions, hearing entitled "How America and Its Allies Can Stop Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran from Evading Sanctions and Financing Terror", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled "The U.S.- Honduras Bilateral Relationship: Analyzing the Socialist Government of President Xiomara Castro de Zelaya", 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Accountability, hearing entitled "The Global Engagement Center: Helping or Hurting U.S. Foreign Policy", 2 p.m., HVC-210.

*Committee on Homeland Security*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “An Examination of the Iranian Regime’s Threats to Homeland Security”, 9 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection, hearing entitled “Evaluating Federal Cybersecurity Governance”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1792, the “South Pacific Tuna Treaty Act of 2023”; H.R. 2560, the “Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance Act of 2023”; H.R. 3415, the “Pilot Butte Power Plant Conveyance Act”; H.R. 4587, the “Red Snapper Act”; H.R. 4770, the “Chesapeake Bay Science, Education, and Ecosystem Enhancement Act of 2023”; H.R. 5009, the “WILD Act”; H.R. 5283, the “Protecting our Communities from Failure to Secure the Border Act of 2023”; and H.R. 5616, the “BRIDGE Production Act of 2023”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 1449, the “CLEAN Act”; H.R. 2855, the “Sinkhole Mapping Act of 2023”; legislation on the Right of Way Application Transparency and Accountability Act; and legislation on the Restoring American Energy Dominance Act, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing on H.R. 520, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to provide that artificially propagated animals shall be treated the same under that Act as naturally propagated animals; H.R. 2990, the “National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Sexual Harassment and Assault Prevention Improvements Act of 2023”; H.R. 5103, the “FISHES Act”; H.R. 5504, to require the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to withdraw proposed rules relating to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, and for other purposes; H.R. 5509, the “Electronic Permitting Modernization Act”; H.R. 5874, the “TAAP Act”; and legislation to prohibit the implementation of certain documents until the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries of the National Marine Fisheries Service issues documents relating to the Rice’s whale, 2:15 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability*, Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled “Faith Under Fire: An Examination of Global Religious Persecution”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled “The Power of Apprenticeships: Faster, Better Paths to Prosperous Jobs and Less Waste in Higher Education”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Educational Freedom and Opportunity for American Families, Students, and Workers”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

### Joint Meeting

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe*: to hold hearings to examine Hamas’ hostages, Putin’s prisoners, and freeing international captives, 10 a.m., 1334, Longworth Building.

## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of October 25 through October 27, 2023

### Senate Chamber

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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 Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs*: October 26, to hold hearings to examine combating the networks of illicit finance and terrorism, 10 a.m., SD-538.

*Committee on the Budget*: October 25, to hold hearings to examine how climate change threatens supply chains, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources*: October 25, Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining, to hold hearings to examine S. 175, to codify certain public land orders relating to the revocation of certain withdrawals of public land in the State of Alaska, S. 297, to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to authorize certain construction activities on public lands, S. 1348, to redesignate land within certain wilderness study areas in the State of Wyoming, S. 1719, to amend the Healthy Forests Restoration Act of 2003 to establish emergency fire-shed management areas, S. 1764, to improve Federal activities relating to wildfires, S. 1889, to provide for the recognition of certain Alaska Native communities and the settlement of certain claims under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, S. 2132, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a pilot program for the establishment and use of a pre-fire-suppression stand density index, S. 2151, to amend the Southwest Forest Health and Wildlife Prevention Act of 2004 to require the establishment of an additional Institute under that Act, S. 2581, to extend the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, S. 2615, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Village Corporations shall not be required to convey land in trust to the State of Alaska for the establishment of Municipal Corporations, S. 2855, to modernize and streamline the permitting process for broadband infrastructure on Federal land, S. 2867, to address the forest health crisis on the National Forest System and public lands, S. 2991, to improve revegetation and carbon sequestration activities in the United States, S. 3033, to withdraw certain Federal land in the Pecos Watershed area of the State of New Mexico from mineral

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October 26, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Federal offshore energy strategy and policies, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* October 26, Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold hearings to examine evaluating alternative materials for single-use plastics, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* October 25, to hold hearings to examine paid leave, focusing on policy, practice, and impact on the workforce, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* October 25, business meeting to consider the nomination of Jacob J. Lew, of New York, to be Ambassador to the State of Israel, Department of State, and other pending nominations, 10 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

October 25, Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation, to hold hearings to examine the Department of State’s strategy for security in the Black Sea region, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* October 25, business meeting to consider the nominations of Monica M. Bertagnoli, of Massachusetts, to be Director of the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Erika L. McEntarfer, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, Amanda Wood Laihow, of Maine, to be a Member of Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-430.

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*Committee on the Judiciary:* October 25, to hold hearings to examine ensuring the safety and well-being of unaccompanied children, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

October 25, Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, to hold hearings to examine the human rights of foster children, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

October 26, Full Committee, business meeting to consider subcommittee assignments, and the nominations of Mustafa Taher Kasubhai, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, John A. Kazen, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, Eumi K. Lee, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Shanlyn A.S. Park, and Micah W.J. Smith, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, and Jamel Semper, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, 10 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* October 25, to hold hearings to examine VA accountability and transparency, focusing on quality care and benefits for veterans, 3:30 p.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* October 25, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* October 26, to hold hearings to examine access to therapies for people with rare, progressive, and serious diseases, 10 a.m., SD-106.

## House Committees

*Committee on Financial Services,* October 26, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Moving the Money: Understanding the Iranian Regime’s Access to Money Around the World and How They Use It to Support Terrorism”, 9 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means,* October 26, Subcommittee on Social Security, hearing entitled “One Million Claims and Growing: Improving Social Security’s Disability Adjudication Process”, 9 a.m., 2020 Rayburn.

**Joint Meeting**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* October 25, to hold hearings to examine Hamas' hostages, Putin's

prisoners, and freeing international captives, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth Building.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Wednesday, October 25

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Wednesday, October 25

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 4366, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. At 11:30 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Jessica Looman, of Minnesota, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon. Following disposition of the nomination of Jessica Looman, Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 4366, with addition roll call votes expected.

## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** To be announced.

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