Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5155–S5195

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3121–3135, and S. Res. 427–432.

Measures Reported:


Measures Passed:

- **Volleyball Day in Nebraska:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 428, recognizing women’s collegiate athletics and the record-setting Volleyball Day in Nebraska event on August 30, 2023.

- **National Early Childhood Literacy Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 430, designating October 20, 2023, as “National Early Childhood Literacy Awareness Day”.

- **National Women’s Small Business Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 431, recognizing the month of October 2023 as “National Women’s Small Business Month”.

- **Fifth Commemoration of the Antisemitic Attack at Tree of Life Synagogue:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 432, recognizing the fifth commemoration of the antisemitic attack that occurred on October 27, 2018, at a synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Measures Considered:

- **Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed 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, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto:

  - Adopted:
    - Murray (for Moran) Amendment No. 1250 (to Amendment No. 1092), to prohibit the use of funds appropriated by division A to change rates for reimbursement for transportation via a special mode of transportation under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs and to reduce certain amounts available to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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    - Murray (for Daines) Amendment No. 1185 (to Amendment No. 1092), to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit to Congress an earned value analysis of the Veterans Electronic Health Record system of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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    - Murray (for Sullivan/Rosen) Amendment No. 1216 (to Amendment No. 1092), to prioritize the use of funds for certain telehealth services and mental health programs for veterans.

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    - Murray (for Sullivan/Lummis) Amendment No. 1221 (to Amendment No. 1092), to prohibit the use of funds to procure seafood from China for use in school meals.

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    - Murray (for Peters/Cornyn) Amendment No. 1283 (to Amendment No. 1092), to provide funding for the emergency and transitional pet shelter and housing assistance grant program.

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    - Murray (for Rosen) Amendment No. 1117 (to Amendment No. 1092), to make amounts available to the Veterans Health Administration to sustain and increase telehealth capacity and associated programmatic efforts.

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    - Murray (for Schatz) Amendment No. 1120 (to Amendment No. 1092), to extend the period of availability for fiscal year 2021 national infrastructure investments.

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    - Murray (for Booker/Tuberville) Amendment No. 1175 (to Amendment No. 1092), to increase funding for rural decentralized water systems.

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    - Murray (for Tillis) Amendment No. 1264 (to Amendment No. 1092), to require a review regarding veterans who engaged in toxic exposure risk activities while serving in Kosovo.

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    - Murray (for Reed) Amendment No. 1202 (to Amendment No. 1092), to appropriate amounts for shellfish research, with an offset.

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    - Murray (for Britt) Amendment No. 1270 (to Amendment No. 1092), to provide appropriations for certain research using plant genomics, with an offset.

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Murray (for Kelly/Tillis) Amendment No. 1116 (to Amendment No. 1092), to require medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs to share certain data with State cancer registries. Page S5161

Murray (for Hirono/Moran) Amendment No. 1113 (to Amendment No. 1092), to provide funding for competitive grants for construction of agricultural research facilities and related activities, with an offset. Page S5162

Murray (for Warnock) Amendment No. 1351 (to Amendment No. 1092), to require the Secretary of Transportation to report on the Federal Aviation Administration’s workforce development programs. Page S5162

Murray (for Smith/Ricketts) Amendment No. 1134 (to Amendment No. 1092), to require the submission of a report on improving staffing at Farm Service Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service at the county level. Page S5162

Murray (for Rosen) Amendment No. 1220 (to Amendment No. 1092), to provide funding for the suppression and control of Mormon crickets in western States. Page S5162

Murray (for Cardin/Van Hollen) Amendment No. 1277 (to Amendment No. 1092), to provide funding for invasive catfish control. Page S5162

Murray (for Padilla) Amendment No. 1140 (to Amendment No. 1092), to improve housing assistance for veterans experiencing homelessness. Page S5162

Murray (for Shaheen) Amendment No. 1131 (to Amendment No. 1092), to require a report on the use of third-party contractors to conduct medical disability examinations of veterans. Page S5162

Murray (for Klobuchar/Moran) Amendment No. 1203 (to Amendment No. 1092), to make funds available for the aeronautical information management program. Page S5162

Murray (for Kelly/Sinema) Amendment No. 1133 (to Amendment No. 1092), to require a report relating to rural community facilities direct loan applicants. Page S5162

Murray (for Padilla) Amendment No. 1139 (to Amendment No. 1092), to provide for the development of emergency evacuation route planning guidelines and best practices. Page S5162

Murray (for Ossoff) Amendment No. 1255 (to Amendment No. 1092), to provide funds for the Office of Women’s Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs to expand access of women veterans to mammography initiatives and equipment. Page S5162

Murray (for Merkley/Crapo) Amendment No. 1352 (to Amendment No. 1092), to increase the set-aside for multi-benefit projects under the watershed and flood prevention operations program. Page S5163

Murray (for Stabenow) Amendment No. 1115 (to Amendment No. 1092), to provide funding for the Urban Agriculture and Innovative Production Program. By 59 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 266), Vance Amendment No. 1210 (to Amendment No. 1092), to prohibit funds appropriated for the Department of Transportation for fiscal year 2024 from being used to enforce a mask mandate in response to the COVID–19 virus. Pages S5163–64

By 53 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 268), Kennedy Amendment No. 1354 (to Amendment No. 1092), to prohibit the availability of funds for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to report certain information to the Department of Justice for use by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. Page S5169

Rejected:

By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 267), Graham (for Rubio) Amendment No. 1237 (to Amendment No. 1092), to prohibit the use of funds to implement the final rule regarding energy efficient standards for certain subsidized housing. Page S5168

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 269), Lankford Amendment No. 1232 (to Amendment No. 1092), to provide for a period of continuing appropriations in the event of a lapse in appropriations under the normal appropriations process, and establish procedures and consequences in the event of a failure to enact appropriations. (Pursuant to the order of Tuesday, October 24, 2023, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.) Page S5177

Withdrawn:

Schumer motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 1230, to change the effective date. Murray Amendment No. 1205 (to Amendment No. 1092), to change the effective date. Page S5160

Pending:

Schumer (for Murray/Collins) Amendment No. 1092, in the nature of a substitute. Page S5155

Murray motion to suspend Rule XVI for the consideration of Schumer (for Murray/Collins) Amendment No. 1092 (listed above) to the bill. Page S5155

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, October 26, 2023, as provided under the order of Tuesday, October 24, 2023; that if Senator Paul makes a motion to discharge S.J. Res. 44, directing the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities in the Republic of Niger that have not been authorized by Congress, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, Senate vote on the motion at 11:30 a.m.; that if the
motion to discharge is not agreed to, Senate vote on Braun Amendment No. 1182 to the bill; that upon disposition of the Braun Amendment, Senate move 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 there be up to 30 minutes for debate equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution.

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 265), Jessica Looman, of Minnesota, to be Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Department of Labor.

Messages from the House:

Measures Read the First Time:

Executive Communications:

Executive Reports of Committees:

Additional Cosponsors:

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

Additional Statements:

Amendments Submitted:

Authorities for Committees to Meet:

Privileges of the Floor:

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—269)

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2023. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S5195.)

Committee Meetings

(Business meeting did not meet)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee announced the following subcommittee assignments for the 118th Congress:

Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance, and Investment: Senators Menendez (Chair), Reed, Tester, Warner, Warren, Warnock, Butler, Rounds, Crapo, Tillis, Kennedy, Hagerty, and Vance.

Subcommittee on National Security and International Trade and Finance: Senators Warner (Chair), Tester, Van Hollen, Cortez Masto, Butler, Hagerty, Britt, Cramer, and Daines.

Subcommittee on Economic Policy: Senators Warren (Chair), Reed, Menendez, Van Hollen, Smith, Fetterman, Kennedy, Rounds, Tillis, Lummis, and Daines.

Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development: Senators Smith (Chair), Reed, Menendez, Tester, Cortez Masto, Warnock, Fetterman, Butler, Lummis, Crapo, Rounds, Kennedy, Hagerty, Vance, and Britt.


Senators Brown and Scott (SC) are ex officio members of each subcommittee.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUPPLY CHAINS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how climate change threatens supply chains, after receiving testimony from Scott Kelly, Risilience, Cambridge, United Kingdom; Adam Rose, University of Southern California, Los Angeles; Kathy Fulton, American Logistics Aid Network, Auburndale, Florida; David Barker, Barker Companies, Iowa City, Iowa; and Robert McNally, Rapidan Energy Group, Washington, D.C.

PENDING LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining concluded a hearing 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 fireshed 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 Southwestern Forest Health and Wildlife Prevention Act of 2004 to require the establishment of an additional Institute under that Act, S. 2151, 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, after receiving testimony from Nada Wolff Culver, Principal Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Jacqueline Emanuel, Associate Deputy Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Mark Boshell, Utah Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office, Salt Lake City.

PAID LEAVE
Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine paid leave, focusing on policy, practice, and impact on the workforce, after receiving testimony from Ben Verhoeven, Peoria Gardens, Inc., Albany, Oregon; and Jocelyn Frye, National Partnership for Women and Families; Rachel U. Greszler, The Heritage Foundation Grover M. Hermann Center for the Federal Budget, and Elizabeth Milito, National Federation of Independent Business, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING
Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations; 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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

BLACK SEA REGION SECURITY
Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation concluded a hearing to examine the Department of State’s strategy for security in the Black Sea region, after receiving testimony from James C. O’Brien, Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs.

BUSINESS MEETING
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:
S. 2685, to make data and internal guidance on excess personal property publicly available, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
S. 2866, to improve the customer experience of the Federal Government, ensure that Federal services are simple, seamless, and secure, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
S. 3029, to amend title 5, United States Code, to increase death gratuities and funeral allowances for Federal employees, with an amendment;
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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
S. 2087, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
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, with amendments; and

S. 2866, to improve the customer experience of the Federal Government, ensure that Federal services are simple, seamless, and secure, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;
BUSINESS MEETING
Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported 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, and Amanda Wood Laihow, of Maine, to be a Member of Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW AND THE INFLATION REDUCTION ACT
Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementing the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the Inflation Reduction Act in native communities, after receiving testimony from Jarred-Michael Erickson, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Nespelem, Washington; Jacob Keyes, Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Perkins; Timothy Nuvangyaoma, Hopi Tribe, Kykotsmovi, Arizona; Sherry Parker, Hualapai Tribe, Peach Springs, Arizona; Shawn Malia Kana’i Maui, Partners in Development Foundation, Honolulu, Hawaii; Jasmine Boyle, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc., Anchorage; and Susan Masten, Native American Finance Officers Association, Washington, D.C.

UNACCOMPANIED CHILDREN
Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ensuring the safety and well-being of unaccompanied children, after receiving testimony from Joseph Salazar, Office Director, Office of Central American Affairs, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; Robin Dunn Marcos, Director, Office of Refugee Resettlement, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services; Seema Nanda, Solicitor of Labor, Office of the Solicitor, Department of Labor; and Cardell T. Morant, Assistant Director, Homeland Security Investigations, Center for Countering Human Trafficking, Department of Homeland Security.

FOSTER CHILDREN
Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law concluded a hearing to examine the human rights of foster children, after receiving testimony from Melissa D. Carter, Emory Law School, Decatur, Georgia; Emma M. Hetherington, University of Georgia School of Law Wilbanks Child Endangerment and Sexual Exploitation Clinic, Athens; Rachel Aldridge, Wray, Georgia; and Mon’a Houston, Savannah, Georgia.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY
Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine VA accountability and transparency, focusing on quality care and benefits for veterans, after receiving testimony from Tracey Therit, Chief Human Capital Officer, Office of Human Resources and Administration/Operations, Security and Preparedness, David Perry, Chief Officer, Workforce Management and Consulting, Veterans Health Administration, Aaron Robison, Senior Attorney-Advisor, Accountability, Office of General Counsel, and Ted Radway, Executive Director, Investigations, and Acting Executive Director, Compliance and Oversight, Office of Accountability and Whistleblower Protection, all of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action
Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 6040–6066; and 5 resolutions, H. Res. 810–814, were introduced. Pages H5103–05
Additional Cosponsors: Pages H5107–08
Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 3369, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to conduct a study and hold public meetings with respect to artificial intelligence systems, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–244); H.R. 3309, to amend the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 to establish a uniform fee schedule applicable to the processing of forms for the consideration of applications for the placement of communications facilities on certain buildings and
other property owned by the Federal Government, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–245, Part 1); H.R. 3838, 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, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–246); H.R. 3821, to reauthorize the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018 (H. Rept. 118–247); H.R. 3343, to require the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to submit to Congress a plan for the Assistant Secretary to track the acceptance, processing, and disposal of certain Form 299s, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–248); H.R. 4510, to reauthorize the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, to update the mission and functions of the agency, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–249); H.R. 1105, to amend the DNA Analysis Backlog Elimination Act of 2000 to reauthorize the Debbie Smith DNA Backlog Grant Program, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–250); H.R. 3581, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the family caregiver program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to include services related to mental health and neurological disorders, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–251); H.R. 4259, to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to require notification with respect to individualized education program teams, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–252); H.J. Res. 88, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to “Improving Income Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program” (H. Rept. 118–253); H.R. 4957, to apply the requirements of the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998 to a vacancy in the office of the Secretary of Labor, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–254); and H.R. 5349, to develop and disseminate a civic education curriculum and oral history resources regarding certain political ideologies, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–255).
Speaker Pro Tempore: The Chair announced that the Speaker delivered to the Clerk a letter dated October 25, 2023, listing Members in the order in which each shall act as Speaker pro tempore under clause 8(b)(3) of rule 1.

Succession of the Speaker of the House: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Scalise to exercise authority regarding any assembly, reassembly, or reconvening.

Speaker Pro Tempore Designations: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representatives McHenry, Representative Smith (NE), Representative Harris, Representative Reschenthaler, Representative Wittman, Representative Cline, Representative Hudson, and Representative Joyce (PA) to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through the remainder of the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress.

Recess: The House recessed at 2:49 p.m. and reconvened at 3:31 p.m.

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure: Standing with Israel as it defends itself against the barbaric war launched by Hamas and other terrorists: H. Res. 771, standing with Israel as it defends itself against the barbaric war launched by Hamas and other terrorists, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 412 yeas to 10 nays with six answering “present”, Roll No. 528.

Extension of Time: Agreed by unanimous consent that debate on H. Res. 771 be extended by 10 minutes on each side.

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Johnson (LA) wherein he resigned from the Committee on Armed Services.

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Johnson (LA) wherein he resigned from the Committee on the Judiciary and the House Judiciary Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government.

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024: The House considered H.R. 4394, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, October 26th.

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–242 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.
key infrastructure based advanced cyber security software to secure the Electrical Power Grid from internal and external unauthorized access and attacks; Peltola (No. 21) that increases and decreases by $5 million the Department of Energy Title 17 Innovative Technology Loan Guarantee Program to provide loan guarantees in support of the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline; Jackson (No. 23) that brings funding for the HE Synthesis, Formulation, and Production facility at the Pantex Plant into accordance with the House-passed NDA; and Lawler (No. 33) that increases and decreases funding for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission with the intent to direct the Commissioner to ensure coordination with federal, state, local, and public stakeholders to explore alternatives to disposing of radioactive wastewater into the Hudson River from Indian Point Energy Center.

Neguse amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–242) that increases the Water and Related Resources Account by $500,000, to be directed to the Endangered Species Recovery Implementation Program (Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins);

Cammack amendment (No. 34 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–242) that prohibits funds from being used to finalize any rule or regulation that has resulted in or is likely to result in an annual effect on the economy of $100 million or more; and

Fallon amendment (No. 35 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–242) that prohibits any funding to be used to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule titled, “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Furnaces.”

Proceedings Postponed:
Perry (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–242) that seeks to reduce the funding for Army Corps of Engineers—Civil; Investigations by $715,000 for the purpose of eliminating funding for the Delaware River Basin Commission;

Neguse (No. 12 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–242) that seeks to increase the Water and Related Resources Account by $1 million to be directed to the Colorado River Compliance Activities account, specifically for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Endangered Fish Recovery programs;

Westerman (No. 14 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–242) that seeks to reduce funding for the Bureau of Reclamation Policy and Administration to Fiscal Year 2022 levels consistent with the Limit, Save, Grow Act;

Griffith (No. 15 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–242) that seeks to increase funds for the Fossil Energy and Carbon Management program within the Department of Energy by $600 million and reduces funds for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy program by $1.1 billion;

Roy (No. 16 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–242) that seeks to eliminate funding for DOE’s Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy;

Perry (No. 19 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–242) that seeks to strike funding for Clean Energy Demonstrations;

Norman (No. 20 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–242) that seeks to eliminate funding ($470,000,000) for Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy;

Perry (No. 25 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–242) that seeks to reduce the funding level in this bill for the Appalachian Regional Commission to FY19 levels;

Perry (No. 26 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–242) that seeks to reduce the funding level for the Delta Regional Commission to the FY19 level;

Perry (No. 27 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–242) that seeks to reduce funding for the Denali Commission to FY19 levels;

Perry (No. 28 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–242) that seeks to eliminate funding for the Denali Commission ($17 million);

Perry (No. 29 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–242) that seeks to reduce funding for the Northern Border Regional Commission to FY19 levels;

Perry (No. 30 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–242) that seeks to reduce funding for the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission to FY19 level;

Perry (No. 31 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–242) that seeks to cut funding for the Southwest Border Regional Commission in half; and

Perry (No. 32 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–242) that seeks to cut the funding for the Great Lakes Authority in half.

H. Res. 756, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 4394) and (H.R. 4364) was agreed to on Tuesday, October 3rd.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, October 26th.

Presidential Messages: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Columbia is to continue in effect beyond October 21, 2023—referred to
the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 118–70).

Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency declared with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo is to continue in effect beyond October 27, 2023—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed (H. Doc. 118–71).

Senate Referrals: S. 2854 was held at the desk. S. 2231 was held at the desk. S.J. Res. 32 was held at the desk.

Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H5064.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one quorum call, Roll No. 527, developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5049.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE SUBMARINE INDUSTRIAL BASE AND ITS ABILITY TO SUPPORT THE AUKUS FRAMEWORK

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “The Submarine Industrial Base and its Ability to Support the AUKUS Framework”. Testimony was heard from Mara E. Karlin, Performing the Duties of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; Erik K. Raven, Under Secretary of the Navy, Department of the Navy; Vice Admiral William Houston, Commander, Naval Submarine Forces, Department of the Navy; and Rear Admiral Jonathan Rucker, Program Executive Officer, Attack Submarines, Department of the Navy.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES


SUPPORTING ACCESS TO LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS: AN EXAMINATION OF THE IMPACTS OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS ON WORKFORCE AND ACCESS TO CARE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Supporting Access to Long-Term Services and Supports: An Examination of the Impacts of Proposed Regulations on Workforce and Access to Care”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MODERNIZING FINANCIAL SERVICES THROUGH INNOVATION AND COMPETITION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion held a hearing entitled “Modernizing Financial Services Through Innovation and Competition”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HOW AMERICA AND ITS ALLIES CAN STOP HAMAS, HEZBOLLAH, AND IRAN FROM EVADING SANCTIONS AND FINANCING TERROR

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled “How America and Its Allies Can Stop Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran from Evading Sanctions and Financing Terror”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.
THE U.S.-HONDURAS BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP: ANALYZING THE SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT XIOMARA CASTRO DE ZELAYA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled "The U.S.-Honduras Bilateral Relationship: Analyzing the Socialist Government of President Xiomara Castro de Zelaya". Testimony was heard from Eric Jacobstein, 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.

THE GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER: HELPING OR HURTING U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Accountability held a hearing entitled "The Global Engagement Center: Helping or Hurting U.S. Foreign Policy". Testimony was heard from Daniel Kimmage, Principal Deputy Coordinator, Global Engagement Center, Bureau of Global Public Affairs, Department of State.

AN EXAMINATION OF THE IRANIAN REGIME’S THREATS TO HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "An Examination of the Iranian Regime’s Threats to Homeland Security". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EVALUATING FEDERAL CYBERSECURITY GOVERNANCE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled "Evaluating Federal Cybersecurity Governance". Testimony was heard from Eric Goldstein, Executive Assistant Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; and Chris DeRusha, Federal Chief Information Security Officer, Office of Management and Budget, and Deputy National Cyber Director for Federal Cybersecurity, Office of the National Cyber Director.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee began a 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".

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a 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. Testimony was heard from Representatives Soto, Boebert, and Fulcher; Tom Kropatsch, Oil and Gas Supervisor, Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission; and public witnesses.

FAITH UNDER FIRE: AN EXAMINATION OF GLOBAL RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled "Faith Under Fire: An Examination of Global Religious Persecution". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.
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EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM AND OPPORTUNITY FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES, STUDENTS, AND WORKERS

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Educational Freedom and Opportunity for American Families, Students, and Workers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

FREEING INTERNATIONAL CAPTIVES

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Hamas’ hostages, Putin’s prisoners, and freeing international captives, after receiving testimony from Irwin Cotler, Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights; Davyd Arakhamia, Servant of the People Party; Jared Genser, Perseus Strategies; and Evgenia Kara-Murza, Free Russia Foundation.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine combating the networks of illicit finance and terrorism, 10 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine Federal offshore energy strategy and policies, 9:30 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: 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 the Judiciary: 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, Shalyn 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.

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

House

Committee on Financial Services, 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 Natural Resources, Full Committee, continue 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 “Pilbutte 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”, 9:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Thursday, October 26

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 4366, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act.

At 11:30 a.m., Senate is expected to vote on or in relation to Paul motion to discharge S.J. Res. 44, Niger War Powers Resolution, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, followed by a vote on or in relation to Braun Amendment No. 1182 to H.R. 4366.

At 1:45 p.m., Senate will vote on passage of S.J. Res. 42, School Lunch CRA.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Thursday, October 26

House Chamber