

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

(Legislative Days of Monday, November 13, 2023, and Tuesday, November 14, 2023)

Routine Proceedings, pages S5481–S5513

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3292–3303, and S. Res. 462–463. Page S5507

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 444, providing for the en bloc consideration of military nominations. Page S5507

Measures Considered:

Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6126, making emergency supplemental appropriations to respond to the attacks in Israel for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. Pages S5500–01

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, November 16, 2023. Page S5501

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

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 309), Murray motion to table the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, was agreed to. Page S5501

Subsequently, the cloture motion on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill was rendered moot. Page S5501

Improving Income Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if a motion to proceed to the consideration of S.J. Res. 43, 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 Fed-

eral Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program,” is made, the motion be agreed to and that at 2:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution. Page S5506

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a certification that it is in the national security interests of the United States to extend the partial termination date specified in subsection (i)(1) of section 130(i) of title 10, United States Code, by 180 days; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services. (PM–31) Page S5505

Nomination Discharged: The following nomination was discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Paul K. Martin, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, which was sent to the Senate on July 26, 2023, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Pages S5513

Messages from the House: Pages S5505–06

Measures Referred: Page S5506

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—309) Page S5501

Motion to Adjourn: Senate agreed to the motion to adjourn until 7:03 p.m., on Tuesday, November 14, 2023. Page S5511

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:01 a.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., and reconvened at 7:03 p.m., on the same day, and adjourned at 7:05 p.m.,

until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5513.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AMERICAN AGRICULTURE INNOVATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine innovation in American agriculture, focusing on leveraging technology and artificial intelligence, after receiving testimony from J. Mason Earles, University of California AI Institute for Next-Generation Food Systems, Davis; Sanjeev Krishnan, S2G Ventures, Chicago, Illinois; Jose-Marie Griffiths, Dakota State University, Madison, South Dakota; Jahmy Hindman, Deer and Company, Moline, Illinois; and Todd J. Janzen Janzen Schroeder Agricultural Law LLC, Indianapolis, Indiana.

PROTECTING MAIN STREET

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine oversight of financial regulators, focusing on protecting Main Street not Wall Street, after receiving testimony from Michael S. Barr, Vice Chair for Supervision, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Margaret J. Gruenberg, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; Todd M. Harper, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; and Michael J. Hsu, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury.

WILDLIFE MOVEMENT AND MIGRATION CORRIDORS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife, concluded a hearing to examine challenges and opportunities to facilitate wildlife movement and improve migration corridors, after receiving testimony from Charlton Bonham, California Department of Fish and Wildlife Director, Sacramento; Richard King, Wyoming Department of Fish and Game, Chief Game Warden, Cheyenne; and Madeleine West, Center for Public Lands, Washington, D.C.

MEDICARE BENEFICIARY ACCESS

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care concluded a hearing to examine ensuring Medicare

beneficiary access, focusing on a path to telehealth permanency, after receiving testimony from Nicki Perisho, Northwest Regional Telehealth Resource Center, Whitefish, Montana; Eric Wallace, University of Alabama at Birmingham Health System Telehealth Program; Chad Ellimootttil, University of Michigan Virtual Care, Ann Arbor; and Ateev Mehrotra, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.

FEDERAL COVID-ERA SPENDING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight concluded a hearing to examine Federal COVID-era spending and preventing future fraud, after receiving testimony from Michael E. Horowitz, Chair, Pandemic Response Accountability Committee, Inspector General, Department of Justice; Hannibal Ware, Inspector General, Small Business Administration; Brian D. Miller, Special Inspector General for Pandemic Recovery, Department of the Treasury; and Rebecca Shea, Director, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service, Government Accountability Office.

UNIONS AND CORPORATE GREED

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine standing up against corporate greed, focusing on how unions are improving the lives of working families, after receiving testimony from Shawn Fain, UAW, Detroit, Michigan; Sean M. O'Brien, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Sara Nelson, Association of Flight Attendants-CWA, AFL-CIO, and Diana Furchtgott-Roth, The Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; and Sean Higgins, Competitive Enterprise Institute, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported S. Res. 444, providing for the en bloc consideration of military nominations.

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: 48 public bills, H.R. 6368–6415; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 868, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 869, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5893) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5961) to freeze certain Iranian funds involved in the 2023 hostage deal between the United States and Iran, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–273). Page H5854

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Cline to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:46 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

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Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2024: The House considered H.R. 5894, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.

Pages H5735–38, H5740

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–13, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–272, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.

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Agreed to:

Aderholt amendment en bloc No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272: Sherrill (No. 3) that increases funding for the Department of Education's Office of Elementary and Secondary Education—Education for the Disadvantaged account by \$5 million to allow K–12 schools to implement and administer high-impact tutoring programs that will help students recover from COVID-related academic challenges; Harris (No. 5) that decreases the Office of the Secretary of HHS by \$10,000,000. Increases the HRSA Health Workforce topline by \$9,500,000; Caraveo (No. 7) that increases and decreases the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant by \$35 million for the

purpose of providing support for maternal and child health care services; prenatal, delivery, and postnatal care; and screenings, diagnostic and treatment services to improve the health and well-being of mothers, children, and families; Boebert (No. 12) that transfers funds from HHS General Department Management to suicide prevention research and techniques to combat the mental health epidemic; Castor (FL) (No. 14) that increases and decreases funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in support of the President's request to prevent HPV-related cancers through the Cancer Moonshot Initiative; Miller (WV) (No. 15) that directs \$5,000,000 of funding to the CDC's TGS program to promote early detection of emerging pathogens and infectious diseases through airport wastewater study; Pfluger (No. 16) that decreases and increases funds by \$1,500,000 within the CDC's National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases for the purpose of funding grants for research and surveillance activities on the prevalence of Valley Fever and the health impacts on the population affected; Murphy (No. 17) that increases and decreases funding for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion to support the Presidential Physical Fitness Test; Sherrill (No. 18) that increases funding by \$5 million for the CDC Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Account to award grants for the creation of programs to improve prevention, identification, and treatment of cardiovascular disease in women; Gallagher (No. 20) that increases funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ALS Registry by \$5,000,000 to support research to prevent ALS among active military personnel and veterans, and reduces funding for the Office of the Secretary of General Departmental Management by \$5,000,000; Gottheimer (No. 21) that increases and decreases funds by \$1,000,000 in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Environmental Health account to emphasize the importance of every child having access to drinking water at school that's free of lead and dangerous materials; Gottheimer (No. 23) that increases and decreases funding by \$5 million for the National Cancer Institute to support improved access to lifesaving screening, diagnostic, and treatment services in an effort to reduce disparities and advance health equity in breast and cervical cancer; Jackson Lee (No. 24) that increases funding for the National Cancer Institute by \$2,000,000 to research triple negative breast cancer; Murphy (No. 25) that transfers \$1,000,000 from

the Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Secretary to the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke to fund a Pediatric-Onset Epilepsies Consortium to enable cooperative research studies, accelerate the development of knowledge about the epilepsies, and rapidly advance therapeutic options and their implementation to improve treatments and healthcare outcomes; Gluesenkamp Perez (No. 27) that increases and decreases funding for the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease to recognize the economic burden of Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease and highlight the importance of developing a vaccine for its prevention; Caraveo (No. 29) that increases and decreases the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development by \$10 million, for the purpose of continued research and training to understand human development across the lifespan to improve health outcomes and reduce costs associated with illness and disability; Gottheimer (No. 30) that increases funding by \$10 million for the National Institute on Aging to strengthen the Alzheimer's Disease Education and Referral (ADEAR) Center's research on Alzheimer's disease including causes, diagnostic tools, treatments, and cures; Barragán (No. 31) that increases and decreases funds for the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) by \$1,000,000 to express the intent that increased funding be included for the NIMHD Research Endowment Program to provide continued support to existing grantees, and to expand the number of statutorily eligible institutions receiving grants through a competitive process; Steil (No. 37) that increases the Substance Abuse Mental Health Budget by \$18 million for the 9–8–8 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline; Balint (No. 40) that increases and decreases funding for the SAMHSA Disaster Response Program to highlight the importance of supporting disaster survivors' mental health; Molinaro (No. 41) that subtracts and adds \$10,000,000 to highlight the importance of bolstering 988 infrastructure and care coordination; Murphy (No. 42) that transfers \$2 million from the Office of the Secretary General Departmental Management to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration to increase available grants to prevent prescription drug and illicit opioid overdoses; Caraveo (No. 43) that increases and decreases the National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative by \$7 million for the purpose of raising awareness of the impact of traumatic stress on children and adolescents and to increase availability and accessibility of trauma-informed care, services, and treatments; Barr (No. 44) that increases funding for the Treatment, Recovery, and Workforce Support Program; Gottheimer (No. 45) that in-

creases funding by \$10 million for the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use to award grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements for planning, establishing, or administering programs to prevent and address the misuse of opioids, related drugs, and other drugs commonly used in pain management or injury recovery, as well as the co-use of one or more such drugs with other substances, by students and student athletes; Pettersen (No. 46) that transfers \$2 million from the Office of Secretary General Departmental Management Account to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration for the purpose of expanding mobile Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) units in rural communities; Molinaro (No. 47) that subtracts and adds \$2,000,000 to specify that SAMHSA should explore using its funds for crisis stabilization centers that provide walk-in care services for individuals with serious mental health conditions and/or substance use disorders as an effective approach to reducing emergency department visits, hospitalizations, or incarceration; Steube (No. 48) that increases and decreases funding to the Administration for Children and Families by \$2,000,000 to highlight the need for innovative foster care programming that recognizes the adversities, challenges, and traumas that children and families involved in the foster care system often confront in such vulnerable periods; Ramirez (No. 49) that increases and decreases funding for the Services for Survivors of Torture Program; Ciscomani (No. 50) that increases and decreases funding for Head Start; Jackson Lee (No. 51) that increases funds by \$2,000,000 for the Head Start Act, including Head Start partnerships; Molinaro (No. 52) that increases and decreases funding for the Administration of Community Living by \$5,000,000 to build up telephone reassurance services to support the mental health and overall well-being of socially vulnerable older adults; Dunn (No. 53) that increases and decreases the funding by \$400 million for the Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response's (ASPR) Project Bioshield to highlight the importance of HHS funding oral antiviral therapeutics as part of Project NextGen; Hudson (No. 56) that transfers \$2,000,000 from HHS office of the Secretary and transfer it to the Office of Inspector General to support investigation and oversight functions of HHS in disrupting counterfeit medicine; Kiggans (No. 57) that increases and decreases Medicare Hearings and Appeals funding by \$196,000,000 to direct CMS to transmit information, either on the CMS website or on the claim denial notification, to those whose Medicare/Medicaid claims are denied about how to effectively appeal their denied claims; Houchin (No. 59) that increases and decreases the ESEA account by \$1 million dollars to highlight the

importance of the Literacy Education for All, Results for the Nation program under ESEA; Houchin (No. 60) that increases and decreases the HEA account by \$1 million dollars to highlight the importance of our future educators teaching the science of reading through a phonics-based curriculum; David Scott (GA) (No. 64) that increases and decreases funding for the Assistance for Arts Education to highlight the need for professional development for arts educators to better include and accommodate students with disabilities; Molinaro (No. 65) that increases and decreases IDEA funding to emphasize the importance of supporting students with intellectual and developmental disabilities; Molinaro (No. 66) that increases and decreases IDEA funding to highlight the importance for schools districts to inform parents of their right to have a third-party advocate in IEP meetings; Steil (No. 67) that transfers \$5,000,000 from the Department of Education's Departmental Management Program Administration account to the Department of Education's Special Education account for the purpose of carrying out Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); McGarvey (No. 68) that increases and decreases funding by \$2 million to highlight the importance of continued funding for the American Printing House for the Blind and their mission providing accessible and innovative reading materials to people who are blind or low vision; Molinaro (No. 72) that increases and decreases Department of Education funding to ensure that students are protected against anti Semitic activity and those students who are affected have access to adequate counseling services; Moore (WI) (No. 73) that demonstrates the importance of the TRIO program by increase/decrease by \$1 million; Ramirez (No. 74) that increases and decreases funding for Augustus F. Hawkins Centers of Excellence grants; Ramirez (No. 75) that increases and decreases funding for Development Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program; Lawler (No. 77) that increases/decreases funding at the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights to prioritize the investigation of antisemitic incidents on college campuses; Gottheimer (No. 79) that increases and decreases funds by \$10 million to hire more Social Security Administration employees in the Office of Hearing Operations to reduce hearings backlog and processing times for disability claims; and Schweikert (No. 141) that increases and decreases funding of \$5 million for the National Institute on Drug Abuse to support research on cures for synthetic opioids and fentanyl; **Pages H5767–70**

Higgins (LA) amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that reduces the Mine Safety and Health Administration's Salary and Expenses account by \$1,000,000, attributed to the salary and

benefits cuts of William O'Dell and Christopher Williamson and redirects these funds to the Department of Labor's Office of Inspector General's account; **Page H5771**

Cloud amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that strikes a reference to a job corps center on Treasure Island in Sec. 114 and replaces it with the job corps center located in San Marcos, Texas; **Pages H5771–72**

Meuser amendment (No. 6 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that provides the Health Workforce Account with an additional \$10 million for the Nurse Corps programs which is offset with a \$19 million deduction to the National Institute of Nursing Research; **Pages H5772–73**

Boebert amendment (No. 8 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that transfers funds from HHS General Department Management to the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program; **Page H5773**

Boebert amendment (No. 9 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that transfers funds from HHS General Department Management for the purchase and implementation of telehealth services to improve health care coordination for rural veterans between rural providers and the Department of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H5773–74**

Boebert amendment (No. 10 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that transfers funds from HHS General Department Management to the Rural Emergency Hospital Technical Assistance Program; **Page H5774**

Boebert amendment (No. 11 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that transfers funds from HHS General Department Management to the Rural Residency Planning and Development Program to support physician workforce expansion in rural areas; **Page H5774**

Boebert amendment (No. 13 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that transfers funds from HHS General Department Management to the Inspector General to combat waste, fraud, and abuse; **Pages H5774–75**

Mills amendment (No. 19 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that reduces the appropriated amount for the Public Health Scientific Services to the FY19 appropriated amount; **Pages H5776–76**

Grothman amendment (No. 22 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that increases and decreases funding in CDC Wide Activities and Program Support by \$1,000,000 to express the intent for the CDC to conduct a study on the connection between vitamin D deficiencies and COVID–19 mortality rates in the United States; and the role of vitamin D in suppressing severe COVID–19 symptoms; and determine whether or not a recommendation should be made on the supplemental intake of vitamin D

to boost immune health and protect against complications associated with respiratory illness and infections;

Pages H5776–77

Pfluger amendment (No. 34 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that decreases the amount appropriated to the NIH's Office of the Director by \$3,748,715 to redress the amount of federal funds the NIH awarded EcoHealth Alliance, Inc. to conduct gain-of-function research at the Wuhan Institute of Virology;

Pages H5779–80

Boebert amendment (No. 36 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that reduces funds for the NIH;

Pages H5781–82

Harris amendment (No. 38 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that decreases the appropriation for NIH buildings and facilities by \$59,000,000 and increases the appropriation for Project BioShield by \$50,000,000;

Pages H5782–83

Harris amendment (No. 39 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that decreases the appropriation for NIH buildings and facilities by \$119,000,000 and increases the appropriation for the Strategic National Stockpile by \$100,000,000;

Pages H5783–84

Carter (GA) amendment (No. 54 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that directs \$15 million to carry out section 2409 of Public Law 117–328 to allow states to build or maintain their own medical stockpile for their specific and unique needs, while coordinating with the SNS and ensuring it is robust;

Pages H5784–85

Boebert amendment (No. 61 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that transfers funds from the Department of Education bureaucracy to Charter School Grants;

Pages H5785–87

Boebert amendment (No. 62 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that transfers funds from the Department of Education bureaucracy to Rural School Programs;

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Boebert amendment (No. 63 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that transfers funds from the Department of Education bureaucracy to the Office of Indian Education;

Pages H5787–88

Kiley amendment (No. 80 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits funds made available under this Act from being used by the Department of Health and Human Services or any grantee to implement a mask mandate for children at Head Start programs;

Pages H5810–11

Boebert amendment (No. 81 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that transfers funds from the Department of Education bureaucracy to the Office of the Inspector General to combat Waste, Fraud, and abuse;

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Allen amendment (No. 82 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that restricts any funds made available by this Act to be used to finalize, implement,

or enforce the proposed rule entitled “Retirement Security Rule: Definition of an Investment Advice Fiduciary” or any substantially similar rule;

Page H5811

Wagner amendment (No. 83 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits the Department of Labor from using funds to finalize, implement, or enforce proposed amendments to class prohibited transaction exemptions (PTEs) available to investment advice fiduciaries;

Pages H5812–13

Norman amendment (No. 84 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits funding to carry out the actions described in the fact sheet released by the White House related to cracking down on junk fees in retirement investment advice;

Pages H5813–14

Biggs amendment (No. 85 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from making any voluntary contributions to the World Health Organization;

Pages H5814–15

Brecheen amendment (No. 87 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits funds to finalize, implement, administer, or enforce the proposed rule entitled “Safe and Appropriate Foster Care Placement Requirements for Titles IV–E and IV–B,” which requires foster families to affirm a foster child’s LGBTQI+ identity;

Pages H5816–15

Cammack amendment (No. 90 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) 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;

Pages H5817–18

Good (VA) amendment (No. 96 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits funds from being used to require universities to enforce COVID–19 vaccine requirements for students and faculty;

Pages H5819–20

Gosar amendment (No. 99 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits funding for NIH grant R01AI110964 “Understanding the Risk of Bat Coronavirus Emergence” and Cooperative Agreement U01AI151797 “Understanding Risk of Zoonotic Virus Emergence in EID Hotspots of Southeast Asia”;

Pages H5820–21

Graves (LA) amendment (No. 100 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits the use of funds to promulgate new major rules if OMB determines that the regulation is likely to result in a significant impact on the economy, a major increase in prices for consumers, or adverse effects on American global competition;

Pages H5821–22

Greene (GA) amendment (No. 101 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits funding for the implementation of the CDC’s recommendation

to add the Covid vaccine to the child and adolescent immunization schedule; **Page H5822**

Greene (GA) amendment (No. 102 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits funding for vaccine mandates; **Pages H5822–23**

Hageman amendment (No. 105 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits the Department of Labor from providing climate literacy training; **Page H5826**

Hageman amendment (No. 106 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits the Department of Labor from administering environmental justice grant programs; **Pages H5826–27**

Hageman amendment (No. 107 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits funds made available by this Act from being used to implement or carry out the strategies provided by the Department of Education's September 2023 report titled "Strategies for Increasing Diversity and Opportunity in Higher Education"; **Page H5827**

Hageman amendment (No. 108 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits funds made available by this Act from being used to carry out educational priorities, including invitational priorities, concerning the American History and Civics Education programs, and referenced in 86 FR 20348 relating to "Proposed Priorities—American History and Civics Education"; **Page H5827**

Hern amendment (No. 110 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits funds from being used for a Confucius Classroom; **Pages H5829–5832**

Massie amendment (No. 115 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits funds from being used to fund any grant related to any transgenic edible vaccine; **Page H5832**

Massie amendment (No. 116 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits funds from being made available to conduct or support gain of function research; **Pages H5832–35**

Miller (IL) amendment (No. 120 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits funds to the World Health Organization; **Pages H5835–36**

Murphy amendment (No. 122 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prevents funds from being used to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule published by the Department of Health and Human Services entitled "Medicaid Program; Misclassification of Drugs, Program Administration and Program Integrity Updates Under the Medicaid Drug Rebate Program"; **Pages H5836–37**

Moore (UT) amendment (No. 124 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that increases and decreases funding for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services HRSA Wide Activities and Programs Support account to urge HRSA to provide Congress an accounting of unpaid and partially paid

claims by HRSA's COVID–19 Uninsured Program, an accounting of funding to pay these claims since its initiation, including instances in which funding intended for this program was diverted to other activities, and a plan for payment of legitimate claims still outstanding for services provided under this program; **Page H5838**

Murphy amendment (No. 126 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits funds from being used to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule entitled: "Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Minimum Staffing Standards for Long-Term Care Facilities and Medicaid Institutional Payment Transparency Reporting"; **Pages H5838–39**

Ogles amendment (No. 127 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits funds from use to impose a COVID–19 mask mandate; **Pages H5839–40**

Ogles amendment (No. 128 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits funds for Guidance issued by Secretary Becerra regarding mandated use of preferred pronouns; **Pages H5840–41**

Perry amendment (No. 129 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits the use of funds for the Mine Safety and Health Administration to finalize, implement, or enforce the proposed rule entitled, "Lowering Miners' Exposure to Respirable Crystalline Silica and Improving Respiratory Protection"; **Pages H5841–42**

Perry amendment (No. 130 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits the use of funds for the NLRB to implement, administer, or enforce the "Representation-Case Procedures" rule, which imposes "ambush" elections; **Pages H5842–43**

Perry amendment (No. 131 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits the use of funds to implement or enforce the "Cemex" decision which imposes a back-door card check system for union elections; **Pages H5843–44**

Pfluger amendment (No. 132 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits funding to finalize, implement or enforce policies in CMS's policies included in the informational bulletin promulgated by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services on February 17, 2023, and proposed limitation for state directed payments as stated in the May 3, 2023, proposed rule titled "Medicaid Program; Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Managed Care Access, Finance, and Quality"; **Pages H5844–45**

Rosendale amendment (No. 133 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits funds made available by this Act from conducting or supporting any gain-of-function research involving a potential pandemic pathogen by Rocky Mountain Laboratories; **Page H5845**

Roy amendment (No. 136 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits funds appropriated by this Act to implement certain executive orders regarding climate change; **Pages H5847–48**

Santos amendment (No. 137 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits funds from being used to establish, implement, or enforce any vaccine mandate; **Page H5848**

Schweikert amendment (No. 138 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that increases funding for the National Eye Institute by \$5 million for the development of autonomous eye screening for diabetic retinopathy; offsets the increase with a decrease in funding of \$5 million from the General Departmental Management account under the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services; **Page H5848**

Schweikert amendment (No. 139 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that increases funding by \$2 million for the CDC “Emerging Zoonotic and Infectious Disease” account with the intention that these funds be used for Coccidioidomycosis otherwise known as “Valley Fever”; offsets the increase with a decrease in funding of \$2 million from the General Departmental Management account under the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services; **Page H5849**

Smucker amendment (No. 142 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits ED from using funds to implement, administer, or enforce a provision of their Oct. 31 final rule that would prohibit education and training programs from exceeding their state’s minimum hours requirements; **Page H5850**

Tenney amendment (No. 143 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits funding for Executive Order 14019; **Pages H5850–52**

Van Duyne amendment (No. 144 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that prohibits funds from being used to enforce ASC–20 of the Ambulatory Surgical Center Quality Reporting Program (ASCQR) which requires ASCs to report their COVID–19 Vaccination Coverage Among Health Care Personnel data; and **Pages H5852–53**

Lawler amendment (No. 146 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that increases funding for Head Start. **Pages H5853–54**

Rejected:

Miller (IL) amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that sought to reduce the funds provided to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to \$0 (by a recorded vote of 131 ayes to 300 noes, Roll No. 648); **Pages H5770–71, H5800**

Good (VA) amendment (No. 28 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that sought to transfer \$10 million allocated for the Office of Diversity in Bio-

medical Research to the Spending Reduction Account (by a recorded vote of 190 ayes to 241 noes, Roll No. 649); **Pages H5777–78, H5801**

Good (VA) amendment (No. 32 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that sought to transfer \$524.4 million from the National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities to the Spending Reduction Account (by a recorded vote of 140 ayes to 294 noes, Roll No. 650); **Pages H5778, H5801–02**

Rosendale amendment (No. 33 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that sought to prohibits funding for the John E. Fogarty International Center saving approximately \$95 million (by a recorded vote of 183 ayes to 251 noes, Roll No. 651); **Pages H5778–79, H5802**

Mills amendment (No. 35 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that sought to reduce the appropriated amount for the Office of the Director, NIH to the FY19 appropriated amount (by a recorded vote of 186 ayes to 257 noes, Roll No. 652); **Pages H5780–81, H5802–03**

Good (VA) amendment (No. 55 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that sought to transfer \$28 million allocated for Minority AIDS prevention to the Spending Reduction Account (by a recorded vote of 109 ayes to 324 noes, Roll No. 653); **Pages H5785, H5803–04**

Biggs amendment (No. 69 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that sought to cut funding for the Student Financial Assistance Program (by a recorded vote of 85 ayes to 350 noes, Roll No. 654); **Pages H5788–89, H5804**

Biggs amendment (No. 70 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that sought to strike funding to the Student Aid Administration (by a recorded vote of 81 ayes to 353 noes, Roll No. 655); **Pages H5789–90, H5804–05**

Biggs amendment (No. 71 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that sought to strike funding to the Higher Education Program (by a recorded vote of 81 ayes to 354 noes, Roll No. 656); and **Pages H5790–91, H5805–06**

Biggs amendment (No. 76 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that sought to strike funding to the Institute of Education Science (by a recorded vote of 118 ayes to 316 noes, Roll No. 657); **Pages H5791–92, H5806**

Schweikert amendment (No. 140 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that sought to reduce each amount appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act that is not required to be appropriated or made available by a provision of law by 26.2 percent, equal to the amount that entities with taxing authority receive in the bill. **Pages H5849–50**

Withdrawn:

McCormick amendment (No. 109 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to limit the amount that the National Institutes of Health provides grantees for facilities and administrative costs to 30% of the total grant; and **Pages H5828–29**

Rosendale amendment (No. 135 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that sought to prohibit funds from being used to implement the proposed rule entitled “Unaccompanied Children Program Foundational Rule” issued by the Administration for Children and Families. **Pages H5846–47**

Proceedings Postponed:

Perry amendment (No. 78 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that seeks to reduce funding for the National Labor Relations Board by \$100 million; **Pages H5809–10**

Biggs amendment (No. 86 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to pay for the salary and expenses of ORR Director Robin Dunn Marcos; **Pages H5815–16**

Crane amendment (No. 92 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that seeks to reduce federal education funding by \$37,735,000; **Pages H5818–19**

Greene (GA) amendment (No. 103 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that seeks to reduce the salary of Rachel Levine, Assistant Secretary for Health, to \$1; **Pages H5823–24**

Greene (GA) amendment (No. 104 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that seeks to reduce the salary of Miguel Cardona, Secretary of Education, to \$1; **Pages H5824–26**

Hern amendment (No. 111 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that seeks to ensure the Department of Health and Human Services implements consumer protections passed in the surprise billing law that provides patients with an advanced cost estimate for their healthcare services; **Page H5830**

Higgins (LA) amendment (No. 112 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that seeks to reduce the salary of Christopher Williamson, Assistant Secretary of the Mine Safety and Health Administration, to \$1; **Pages H5830–31**

Higgins (LA) amendment (No. 113 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that seeks to reduce the salary of William O'Dell, District Manager in Dallas, Texas, of the Mine Safety and Health Administration, to \$1; **Page H5831**

Lawler amendment (No. 114 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that seeks to prohibit funding under this Act from going toward colleges and universities that authorize, facilitate, provide funding for, or otherwise support any event promoting anti-semitism on campus; **Pages H5831–32**

McCormick amendment (No. 117 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that seeks to reduce the salary of Xavier Becerra, Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, to \$1; **Pages H5833–34**

Miller (IL) amendment (No. 118 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that seeks to reduce the salary of Catherine E. Lhamon, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education, to \$1; **Pages H5834–35**

Miller (IL) amendment (No. 119 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that seeks to reduce the salary of Douglas L. Parker, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, to \$1; **Page H5835**

Miller (IL) amendment (No. 121 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that seeks to prohibit funds to Office of Population Affairs; **Page H5836**

Miller-Meeks amendment (No. 123 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that seeks to prohibit funding for CDC's firearm injury and mortality prevention research; and **Pages H5837–38**

Rosendale amendment (No. 134 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–272) that seeks to reduce the salary of Vincent Munster, Chief, Virus Ecology Section, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases to \$1. **Pages H5845–46**

H. Res. 864, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5894) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 209 noes, Roll No. 647, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 646. **Pages H5735–40**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Further Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, 2024: H.R. 6363, amended, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2024, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 336 yeas to 95 nays, Roll No. 658. **Pages H5793–99, H5806–07**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, November 15th. **Page H5854**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that it is in the national security interest of the United States to extend the partial termination date specified in subsection (i)(1) of section 130i of title 10, United States Code, by 180 days—referred to the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–82). **Page H5854**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and eleven recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H5739, H5739–40, H5800, H5801, H5801–02, H5802, H5802–03, H5803–04, H5804, H5804–05, H5805–06, H5806 and H5807.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:01 a.m.

Committee Meetings

CONFRONTING THE SCOURGE OF ANTISEMITISM ON CAMPUS

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled “Confronting the Scourge of Antisemitism on Campus”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEVERAGING AI TO ENHANCE AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Leveraging AI to Enhance American Communications”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CLEAN POWER PLAN 2.0: EPA’S EFFORT TO JEOPARDIZE RELIABLE AND AFFORDABLE ENERGY FOR STATES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials held a hearing entitled “Clean Power Plan 2.0: EPA’s Effort to Jeopardize Reliable and Affordable Energy for States”. Testimony was heard from L. David Glatt, Director, Department of Environmental Quality, North Dakota; Chris Parker, Director, Division of Public Utilities, Utah; Michelle Walker Owenby, Director, Division of Air Pollution Control, Department of Environment and Conservation, Tennessee; and Serena McIlwain, Secretary of the Environment, Maryland.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5921, the “No U.S. Financing for Iran Act of 2023”; H.R. 5923, the “Iran-China Energy Sanctions Act of 2023”; H.R. 6245, the “Holding Iranian Leaders Accountable Act”; H.R. 6323, the “Iran Counterterrorism Act of 2023”; H.R. 6322, the “End Financing to Hamas and State Sponsors of Terrorism Act”; H.R. 5945, the “Freezing-HAMAS Act”; H.R. 6000, the “Revoke Iranian Funding Act of 2023”; H.R. 6015, the “Iran Sanctions Accountability Act of 2023”; H.R. 6367, the “Armed Conflict Migration Act of 2023”; H.R.

6370, the “OFAC Licensure for Investigators Act”; and H.R. 6365, the “Stopping Illicit Oil Shipments Act of 2023”. H.R. 5921, H.R. 5923, H.R. 6245, H.R. 6323, H.R. 6322, H.R. 5945, H.R. 6000, H.R. 6015, H.R. 6367, H.R. 6370, and H.R. 6365 were ordered reported, as amended.

EXAMINING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION’S AFGHANISTAN POLICY SINCE THE U.S. WITHDRAWAL

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Biden Administration’s Afghanistan Policy Since the U.S. Withdrawal”. Testimony was heard from John Sopko, Inspector General, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

GO-TO-ZERO: JOE BIDEN’S WITHDRAWAL ORDER AND THE TALIBAN TAKEOVER OF AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Accountability held a hearing entitled “Go-to-Zero: Joe Biden’s Withdrawal Order and the Taliban Takeover of Afghanistan”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE BROKEN PATH: HOW TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS PROFIT FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING AT THE SOUTHWEST BORDER

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement; and Subcommittee on Emergency Management and Technology held a joint hearing entitled “The Broken Path: How Transnational Criminal Organizations Profit from Human Trafficking at the Southwest Border”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ANTITRUST DIVISION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Department of Justice Antitrust Division”. Testimony was heard from Jonathan Kanter, Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice.

EXAMINING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION’S ABANDONED MINE LANDS AND ACTIVE MINING PROGRAMS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Examining the Biden Administration’s Abandoned

Mine Lands and Active Mining Programs". Testimony was heard from Glenda Owens, Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining, Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior; Kyle Wendtland, Administrator, Land Quality Division, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality; Dustin Morin, Director, Mining and Reclamation Division, Alabama Department of Labor; Benjamin McCament, Chief, Division of Mineral Resources Management, Ohio Department of Natural Resources; and a public witness.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a hearing on H.R. 4219, the "Southwestern Power Administration Fund Establishment Act"; H.R. 5770, the "Water Data Improvement Act"; H.R. 6107, the "Urban Canal Modernization Act"; and H.R. 6127, the "MAPWaters Act". Testimony was heard from Chairman Graves of Missouri, and Representatives Neguse, Simpson, and Moore of Utah; Mike Wech, Administrator, Southwestern Power Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 4235, the "Wildfire Technology DEMO Act"; H.R. 4353, the "Civilian Conservation Center Enhancement Act of 2023"; H.R. 4717, the "Locally Led Restoration Act of 2023"; H.R. 5582, the "White Oak Resilience Act"; H.R. 5665, the "Promoting Accessibility on Federal Lands Act of 2023"; H.R. 6070, to amend the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 to clarify the authority of Department of Defense to conduct certain military activities at the Nevada test and training range, and for other purposes; and legislation on the BIOCHAR Act. Testimony was heard from Chairman Westerman, and Representatives Kim of California, Salinas, Lamborn, Stansbury, and Amodei; Dwayne McFall, Commissioner, District 3, Fremont County, Colorado; Jim Topoleski, Division Chief, Air and Wildland Division, San Bernardino County Fire Department, Redlands, California; Jeff Rupert, Director, Office of Wildland Fire, Department of the Interior; Jaelith Hall-Rivera, Deputy Chief, State, Private, and Tribal Forestry, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Edwin Oshiba, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Energy, Installations, and Environment, Department of the Air Force; and public witnesses.

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR IMPROVING PUBLIC SAFETY IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled "Opportunities and Challenges for Improving Public Safety in Tribal Communities". Testimony was heard from Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE U.S. GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the U.S. General Services Administration". Testimony was heard from Robin Carnahan, Administrator, U.S. General Services Administration.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024; NO FUNDS FOR IRANIAN TERRORISM ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5893, the "Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024"; and H.R. 5961, the "No Funds for Iranian Terrorism Act". The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8–3, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 5893, the "Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024", and H.R. 5961, the "No Funds for Iranian Terrorism Act". The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 5893, the "Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2024", under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–12 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, amendments en bloc described in section 3, and pro forma amendments described in section 4. Each amendment shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment

except as provided by section 4 of the rule, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. All points of order against the amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report or amendments en bloc described in section 3 of the resolution are waived. The rule provides that the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or her designee may offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part A of the Rules Committee report not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 4 of the rule, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule provides that the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 5961, the “No Funds for Iranian Terrorism Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–14, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, shall be considered as adopted, and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or their respective designees. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives James, Kamlager-Dove, Rogers of Kentucky, Cartwright, Clyde, Kilmmer, Cline, Raskin, Grothman, and Self.

OVERSIGHT OF THE SBA’S OFFICE OF ENTREPRENEURIAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the SBA’s Office of Entrepreneurial Development”. Testimony was heard from Mark Madrid, Associate Administrator, Office of Entrepreneurial Development, U.S. Small Business Administration.

GUARDIANS OF THE SEA: EXAMINING COAST GUARD EFFORTS IN DRUG ENFORCEMENT, ILLEGAL MIGRATION, AND IUU FISHING

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transporta-

tion held a hearing entitled “Guardians of the Sea: Examining Coast Guard Efforts in Drug Enforcement, Illegal Migration, and IUU Fishing”. Testimony was heard from Rear Admiral Jo-Ann Burdian, Assistant Commandant for Response Policy (CG-5R), U.S. Coast Guard; Heather MacLeod, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; Caitlin Keating-Bitonti, Natural Resources Policy Analyst, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

EMERGING THERAPIES: BREAKTHROUGHS IN THE BATTLE AGAINST SUICIDE?

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Emerging Therapies: Breakthroughs in the Battle Against Suicide?”. Testimony was heard from Carolyn Clancy, M.D., Assistant Under Secretary for Health, Office of Discovery, Education and Affiliate Networks, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Ilse Wiechers, M.D., Deputy Executive Director, Office of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Rachel Yehuda, Director, Patient Care Center, Bronx Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Sergeant Jonathan Lubecky, U.S. Army (Retired); and public witnesses.

COUNTERING TERRORISM IN A SHIFTING GEOPOLITICAL LANDSCAPE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on National Intelligence; and Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence of the House Committee on Homeland Security held a joint hearing entitled “Countering Terrorism in a Shifting Geopolitical Landscape”. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine opportunities in industrial decarbonization, focusing on delivering benefits for the economy and the climate, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine United States leadership on artificial intelligence in an era of strategic competition, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Harry Coker, Jr., of Kansas, to be National Cyber Director, Jeff Rezmovic, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security, and Suzanne Elizabeth Summerlin, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, 11 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Indian Affairs: business meeting to consider S. 1898, to amend the Northwestern New Mexico Rural Water Projects Act to make improvements to that Act, and S. 2088, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to complete all actions necessary for certain land to be held in restricted fee status by the Oglala Sioux Tribe and Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Sara E. Hill, and John David Russell, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, and Ramona Villagomez Manglona, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold hearings to examine veteran entrepreneurship, focusing on from service to small business success, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine VA's Fourth Mission, focusing on supporting our nation's emergency preparedness and response, 3:30 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

House

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health, markup on H.R. 5372, the “Expanding Seniors’ Access to Lower Cost Medicines Act of 2023”; H.R. 2880, the “Protecting Patients Against PBM Abuses Act”; H.R. 5393, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure fair assessment of pharmacy performance and quality under Medicare part D, and for other purposes; H.R. 5385, the “Medicare PBM Accountability Act”; H.R. 5386, the “Cutting Copays Act”; H.R. 4881, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to limit cost sharing for drugs under the Medicare program; H.R. 5389, the “National Coverage Determination Transparency Act”; H.R. 133, the “Mandating Exclusive Review of Individual Treatments Act”; H.R. 5396, the “Coverage Determination Clarity Act of 2023”; H.R. 5371, the “Choices for Increased Mobility Act of 2023”; H.R. 5388, the “Supporting Innovation for Seniors Act”; H.R. 5380, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase data transparency for supplemental benefits under Medicare Advantage; H.R. 3842, the “Expanding Access to Diabetes Self-Management Training Act of 2023”; H.R. 5397, the “Joe Fiandra Access to Home Infusion Act of 2023”; H.R. 6366, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act with respect to the work geographic index for physician payments under the Medicare program, and to revise the phase-in of clinical laboratory

test payment changes under such program; H.R. 6369, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend incentive payments for participation in eligible alternative payment models; H.R. 5555, the “DMEPOS Relief Act of 2023”; H.R. 6371, the “Provider Reimbursement Stability Act of 2023”; H.R. 6364, the “Medicare Telehealth Privacy Act of 2023”; H.R. 1352, the “Increasing Access to Biosimilars Act of 2023”; and H.R. 1691, the “Ensuring Patient Access to Critical Breakthrough Products Act of 2023”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Prudential Regulators”, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion: hearing entitled “Crypto Crime in Context: Breaking Down the Illicit Activity in Digital Assets”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, hearing entitled “The Future of Nagorno-Karabakh”, 9:30 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee, hearing entitled “Worldwide Threats to the Homeland”, 9 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee, markup on H.R. 524, to amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to create an exemption for certain shoreline borrow sites; H.R. 1667, the “Ouachita National Forest Overnight Camping Act”; H.R. 1727, the “Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission Extension Act”; H.R. 2437, to revise the boundaries of a unit of the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System in Topsail, North Carolina, and for other purposes; H.R. 2882, the “Udall Foundation Reauthorization Act of 2023”; H.R. 409, the “Great Salt Lake Stewardship Act”; H.R. 5509, the “Electronic Permitting Modernization Act”; and H.R. 6070, to amend the Military Lands Withdrawal Act of 1999 to clarify the authority of Department of Defense to conduct certain military activities at the Nevada test and training range, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee, markup on H.R. 6213, the “National Quantum Initiative Reauthorization Act”; and H.R. 6131, the “Commercial Space Act of 2023”, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3209, the “I-27 Numbering Act of 2023”; H.R. 5903, to authorize the International Boundary and Water Commission to accept funds for activities relating to wastewater treatment and flood control works, and for other purposes; H.R. 1586, the “Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act of 2023”; H.R. 5473, the “Promoting Resilient Buildings Act of 2023”; H.R. 6277, the “FASTA Reform Act of 2023”; H.R. 6278, the “Maximizing Office Value and Efficiency Act of 2023”; H.R. 6260, the “Federal Oversight of Construction Use and Safety Act”; H.R. 6276, the “Utilizing Space Efficiently and Improving Technologies Act of 2023”; H.R. 6261, the “Impact of Crime on Public Buildings Usage Act of 2023”; H.R. 6241, the “Federal Use it or Lose it Leases Act”; H.R. 6249, the “Think

Differently About Emergencies Act”; H.R. 6254, the “Public Buildings Accountability Act of 2023”; H.R. 5754, to designate the United States courthouse located at 350 W. 1st Street, Los Angeles, California, as the “Felicitas and Gonzalo Mendez United States Courthouse”; H.R. 6316, to amend title 40, United States Code, to establish an expiration date of certain committee resolutions with respect to leases or projects, and for other purposes; and H.R. 6317, to require the Administrator of the General Services Administration to submit a report describing a process for seeking public comment about proposed changes to mandatory design standards for public buildings, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, markup 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. 5785, to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify the requirements of the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholar-

ship; H.R. 5913, the “Consolidating Veteran Employment Services for Improved Performance Act of 2023”; H.R. 5914, to amend title, United States Code, to improve the processes to approve programs of education for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; H.R. 5956, the “G.I. Bill Improvement Act of 2023”; and H.R. 6193, 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, 10 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Technology Modernization, hearing entitled “Electronic Health Record Modernization Deep Dive: System Uptime”, 12 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled “From Ivory Towers to Dark Corners: Investigating the Nexus Between Antisemitism, Tax-Exempt Universities, and Terror Financing”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meeting

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine aging Americans and a waning workforce, focusing on demographic drivers of our deficit, 2:30 p.m., 1334 Longworth Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, November 15

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business. Senators should expect a motion to proceed to consideration of S.J. Res. 43, Improving Income Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program, to be made, with a vote on passage of the joint resolution at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, November 15

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Continue consideration of H.R. 5894—Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2024.



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