

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S6013–S6029*

**Measures Introduced:** Three bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3554–3556, and S. Res. 511–514.

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#### **Measures Reported:**

S. 912, to require the Secretary of Energy to provide technology grants to strengthen domestic mining education. (S. Rept. No. 118–139) **Page S6022**

#### **Measures Passed:**

**Overtime Pay for Protective Services Act:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 3427, to extend the authority to provide employees of the United States Secret Service with overtime pay beyond other statutory limitations, and the bill was then passed. **Page S6025**

**Disaster Contract Improvement Act:** Senate passed S. 310, to establish an advisory group to encourage and foster collaborative efforts among individuals and entities engaged in disaster recovery relating to debris removal. **Pages S6025–26**

**GAO Database Modernization Act:** Senate passed S. 679, to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to require Federal agencies to submit to the Comptroller General of the United States a report on rules that are revoked, suspended, replaced, amended, or otherwise made ineffective. **Page S6026**

**Technical Correction to the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation Water Rights Settlement Act:** Senate passed S. 950, to amend the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 to make a technical correction to the water rights settlement for the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation, after agreeing to the committee amendment. **Pages S6026–27**

**Eliminate Useless Reports Act:** Senate passed S. 2073, to amend title 31, United States Code, to require agencies to include a list of outdated or duplicative reporting requirements in annual budget justifications, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6027**

**NWR Modernization Act:** Senate passed S. 1416, to provide guidance for and investment in the upgrade and modernization of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio All Hazards Network.

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**National Weather Service Communications Improvement Act:** Senate passed S. 1414, to improve the instant messaging service used by the National Weather Service.

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**Reuse Excess Property Act:** Senate passed S. 2685, to make data and internal guidance on excess personal property publicly available, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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**National Lung Cancer Awareness Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 512, designating November 2023 as “National Lung Cancer Awareness Month” and expressing support for early detection and treatment of lung cancer.

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**Wright Brothers Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 513, recognizing December 17 as “Wright Brothers Day” and commemorating the 120th anniversary of the first powered flight.

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**Florida State University Seminoles Women's Soccer Champions:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 514, congratulating the Florida State University Seminoles for winning the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Women's Soccer Championship.

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**Removal of Injunction of Secrecy:** The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

The Treaties with the Republic of Cuba and the Government of the United Mexican States on the Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries (Treaty Doc. No. 118–1).

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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**Fonzone Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Christopher Charles Fonzone, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, December 19, 2023; that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of the Senate of Wednesday, December 13, 2023, ripen at 2:15 p.m.; that if cloture is invoked on either of the nominations of Christopher Charles Fonzone, or Sara E. Hill, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma, all post-cloture time be considered expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations immediately following the invoking of cloture; that upon disposition of the nominations, Senate execute the order of Tuesday, December 5, 2023, with respect to the nomination of Elizabeth H. Richard, of Virginia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, and vote on confirmation of the nomination. **Page S6029**

**Russell Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of John David Russell, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma. **Page S6020**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Sara E. Hill, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma. **Pages S6020–21**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6020**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6020**

**Rodriguez Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jose Javier Rodriguez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. **Page S6021**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of John David Russell, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma. **Page S6021**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6021**

**Goffman Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Joseph Goffman, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S6021**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Jose Javier Rodriguez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor. **Page S6021**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6021**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6021**

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

By 50 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. EX. 347), Martin O’Malley, of Maryland, to be Commissioner of Social Security for the remainder of the term expiring January 19, 2025. **Page S6020**

Paul K. Martin, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development.

David K. Sing, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2026. **Page S6021**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S6022**

**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

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**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S6022–23**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**

**Pages S6023–25**

**Additional Statements:**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—347) **Page S6020**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:18 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, December 19, 2023. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S6029.)

# Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

No committee meetings were held.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. The House will meet in Pro Forma session at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 19, 2023.

### *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2023

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

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### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of December 19 through December 22,  
2023

#### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Christopher Charles Fonzone, of

Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 2:15 p.m. If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Christopher Charles Fonzone, Senate will immediately vote on confirmation thereon.

Following disposition of the nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Sara E. Hill, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma. If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Sara E. Hill, Senate will immediately vote on confirmation thereon. Following disposition of the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Elizabeth H. Richard, of Virginia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

#### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* December 20, to hold hearings to examine the future of arms control and deterrence, 10 a.m., SD-419.

#### House Committees

No hearings were scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
11 a.m., Tuesday, December 19

Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Christopher Charles Fonzone, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Attorney General, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 2:15 p.m. If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Christopher Charles Fonzone, Senate will immediately vote on confirmation thereon.

Following disposition of the nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Sara E. Hill, of Oklahoma, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma. If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Sara E. Hill, Senate will immediately vote on confirmation thereon. Following disposition of the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Elizabeth H. Richard, of Virginia, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large.

*(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)*

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
2 p.m., Tuesday, December 19

House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, December 19, 2023.



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