

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: One bill was introduced, as follows: S. 3559. **Page S16**

Kazen Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of John A. Kazen, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas. **Pages S5–13**

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

By 73 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. EX. 1), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S13**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, January 9, 2024, and that all time be considered expired at 11:45 a.m. **Page S17**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Derek H. Chollet, of Nebraska, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Melissa Griffin Dalton, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force.

Ronald T. Keohane, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Jon M. Holladay, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Agriculture.

Ron Borzekowski, of Maryland, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, for a term of six years.

Rebecca Lee Haffajee, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Marjorie A. Rollinson, of Virginia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury.

Carol Moseley Braun, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2029.

Irving W. Bailey II, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Inter-

national Development Finance Corporation for a term of three years.

Jennifer D. Gavito, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the State of Libya.

Vivek Hallegere Murthy, of Florida, to be Representative of the United States on the Executive Board of the World Health Organization.

Dorothy Camille Shea, of North Carolina, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations.

Dorothy Camille Shea, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Elizabeth Shortino, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund for a term of two years.

Richard L.A. Weiner, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Erik John Woodhouse, of Virginia, to be Head of the Office of Sanctions Coordination, with the rank of Ambassador.

Janet Louise Yellen, of California, to be United States Governor of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Janet Louise Yellen, of California, to be United States Governor of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of five years; United States Governor of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development for a term of five years; and United States Governor of the International Monetary Fund for a term of five years.

Vanesa Soledad Simon, of Delaware, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2024.

Vanesa Soledad Simon, of Delaware, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2030.

Julie A. Su, of California, to be Secretary of Labor.

Jeff Rezmovic, of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Homeland Security.

Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years.

Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board.

Henry J. Kerner, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Merit Systems Protection Board for the term of seven years expiring March 1, 2030.

Colleen Duffy Kiko, of North Dakota, to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years expiring July 29, 2027.

Suzanne Elizabeth Summerlin, of Florida, to be General Counsel of the Federal Labor Relations Authority for a term of five years.

Seth Robert Aframe, of New Hampshire, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

Amy M. Baggio, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

Jacqueline Becerra, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Nicole G. Berner, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit.

Cristal C. Brisco, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

Melissa Damian, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Mustafa Taher Kasubhai, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon.

Edward Sunyol Kiel, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

Joshua Paul Kolar, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

Joseph Albert Laroski, Jr., of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

Eumi K. Lee, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

David Seymour Leibowitz, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Gretchen S. Lund, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

Adeel Abdullah Mangi, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit.

Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands for a term of ten years.

Sarah French Russell, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

Deborah Robinson, of New Jersey, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President.

Kirk Edward Sherriff, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

Julie Simone Sneed, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

Lisa W. Wang, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

12 Army nominations in the rank of general.

26 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

5 Space Force nominations in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—1)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:34 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S17.)

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 at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D1219)

H.R. 1734, to require coordinated National Institute of Standards and Technology science and research activities regarding illicit drugs containing xylazine, novel synthetic opioids, and other substances of concern. Signed on December 19, 2023. (Public Law 118–23)

H.R. 3315, to exempt for an additional 4-year period, from the application of the means-test presumption of abuse under chapter 7, qualifying members of reserve components of the Armed Forces and members of the National Guard who, after September 11, 2001, are called to active duty or to perform a homeland defense activity for not less than 90 days. Signed on December 19, 2023. (Public Law 118–24)

S. 788, to amend the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 to allow States to issue fully electronic stamps under that Act. Signed on December 19, 2023. (Public Law 118–25)

S. 2747, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to extend the Administrative Fine Program for certain reporting violations. Signed on December 19, 2023. (Public Law 118–26)

S. 2787, to authorize the Federal Communications Commission to process applications for spectrum licenses from applicants who were successful bidders in an auction before the authority of the Commission to conduct auctions expired on March 9, 2023. Signed on December 19, 2023. (Public Law 118–27)

H.J. Res. 62, providing for the reappointment of Michael Govan as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Signed on December 21, 2023. (Public Law 118–28)

H.J. Res. 63, providing for the appointment of Antoinette Bush as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Signed on December 21, 2023. (Public Law 118–29)

H.J. Res. 64, providing for the reappointment of Roger W. Ferguson as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. Signed on December 21, 2023. (Public Law 118–30)

H.R. 2670, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. Signed on December 22, 2023. (Public Law 118–31)

H.R. 1722, to amend the Grand Ronde Reservation Act. Signed on December 26, 2023. (Public Law 118–32)

H.R. 2839, to amend the Siletz Reservation Act to address the hunting, fishing, trapping, and animal gathering rights of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. Signed on December 26, 2023. (Public Law 118–33)

H.R. 6503, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund. Signed on December 26, 2023. (Public Law 118–34)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024

Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

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

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 788, the “Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2023”; H.J. Res. 98, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to “Standard for Determining Joint Employer Status”; and S.J. Res. 38, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Highway Administration relating to “Waiver of Buy America Requirements for Electric Vehicle Chargers”, 4 p.m., H–313 Capitol.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 9 through January 12, 2024

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of John A. Kazen, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Texas, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:45 a.m.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: January 11, to hold hearings to examine stopping the flow of fentanyl, focusing on public awareness and legislative solutions, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: January 10, to hold hearings to examine investing in the future, focusing on safeguarding municipal bonds from climate risk, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: January 11, to hold hearings to examine federal electric vehicle incentives including the federal government's role in fostering reliable and resilient electric vehicle supply chains, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: January 10, to hold hearings to examine harnessing AI to improve government services and customer service, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: January 10, Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law, to hold an oversight hearing to examine A.I. and the future of journalism, 2 p.m., SD-226.

January 11, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Select Committee on Intelligence: January 9, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

January 10, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Education and Workforce, January 10, Full Committee, markup on legislation on Pregnant Students' Rights Act; and H.R. 443, the "Enhancing Detection of Human Trafficking Act", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

January 11, Subcommittee on Health, Employment Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "Lowering Costs and Increasing Access to Health Care with Employer-Driven Innovation", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, January 10, Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials, hearing entitled "Protecting Clean American Energy Production and Jobs by Stopping EPA's Overreach", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

January 11, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled "Safeguarding Americans'

Communications: Strengthening Cybersecurity in a Digital Era", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, January 10, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, hearing entitled "Examining the DOL Fiduciary Rule: Implications for Retirement Savings and Access", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

January 10, Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion, hearing entitled "Regulatory Whiplash: Examining the Impact of FSOC's Ever-changing Designation Framework on Innovation", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

January 11, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Federal Housing Administration", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, January 11, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia, hearing entitled "Examining the Biden Administration's Afghanistan Policy Since the U.S. Withdrawal: Part II", 3 p.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Homeland Security, January 10, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Havoc in the Heartland: How Secretary Mayorkas' Failed Leadership Has Impacted the States", 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

January 11, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Accountability, hearing entitled "Exploitation and Enforcement Part II: Improving Enforcement in Countering Uyghur Forced Labor", 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, January 30, Full Committee, hearing on "Artificial Intelligence (AI): Innovations within the Legislative Branch", 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, January 10, Full Committee, markup on Report Recommending that the House of Representatives Cite Robert Hunter Biden for Contempt of Congress, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

January 11, Subcommittee on Immigration, Integrity, Security, and Enforcement, hearing entitled "The Impact of Illegal Immigration on Social Services", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, January 10, Subcommittee on Federal Lands; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing entitled "National Park Service's Deferred Maintenance Backlog: Perspectives from the Government Accountability Office and the Inspector General", 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

January 11, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled "Examining the Biden Administration's Limits on Access to the OCS: Impacts on Consumers, States, and Operators", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, January 10, Full Committee, business meeting, hearing on legislation recommending that the House of Representatives find Robert Hunter Biden in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with a subpoena duly issued by the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

January 11, Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled "The Risks

of Progressive Ideologies in the U.S. Military”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, January 9, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 788, the “Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2023”; H.J. Res. 98, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to “Standard for Determining Joint Employer Status”; and S.J. Res. 38, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Highway Administration relating to “Waiver of Buy America Requirements for Electric Vehicle Chargers”, 4 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, January 11, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Crime on the Rise: How Lawlessness is Impacting Main Street America”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, January 11, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled “Proposals for a Water Resources Development Act of 2024: Members’ Day Hearing”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, January 11, Full Committee, business meeting, 10 a.m., 360 Cannon.

January 11, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Rural Access: Is VA Meeting All Veterans Where They Live?”, 10 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, January 9

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

6:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 9

Senate Chamber

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House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: House will convene the Second Session of the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress.



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