

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3565–3576, and S. Res. 518. **Pages S73–74**

Veto Messages:

Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act Rule: By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 5), two-thirds of the Senators voting, a quorum being present, not having voted in the affirmative, S.J. Res. 32, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection relating to “Small Business Lending Under the Equal Credit Opportunity Act (Regulation B)”, upon reconsideration failed of passage, and the veto of the President was sustained. **Pages S66–67**

Mehalchick Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Karoline Mehalchick, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S51–57**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination, be withdrawn. **Pages S68–69**

McEntarfer Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Erika L. McEntarfer, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor. **Pages S67–69**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, January 11, 2024; that the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the nomination ripen at 11:45 a.m., and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, all time be considered expired at 1:45 p.m. **Page S76**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 4), S. Kato Crews, of Colorado, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado. **Pages S57–66**

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

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 3), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S57–58**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Ann Marie McIff Allen, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah.

Susan M. Bazis, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska.

Ernest Gonzalez, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

Robin Michelle Meriweather, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Kelly Harrison Rankin, of Wyoming, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming.

Leon Schydlower, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

2 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

10 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

4 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—5) Pages S58, S66, S66–67

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:21 p.m., until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 11, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S76.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

MUNICIPAL BONDS AND CLIMATE RISK

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine investing in the future, focusing on safeguarding municipal bonds from climate risk, after receiving testimony from Megan Kilgore, City Auditor, Columbus, Ohio; Thomas G. Doe, Municipal Market Analytics, Inc., Concord, Massachusetts; Chris Hartshorn, Zeus AI, Arlington, Massachusetts; Matthew E. Kahn, University of Southern California, Los Angeles; and Eric M. Leeper, University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

AI AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine harnessing AI to improve government services and customer service, after receiving testimony from Beth Simone Noveck, New Jersey Chief Innovation Officer, Trenton; Jennifer Pahlka, Federation of American Scientists, Oakland, California; and Beth Blauer, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland.

AI AND THE FUTURE OF JOURNALISM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law concluded an oversight hearing to examine AI and the future of journalism, after receiving testimony from Jeff Jarvis, City University of New York Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism, Basking Ridge, New Jersey; Danielle Coffey, News/Media Alliance, Arlington, Virginia; Curtis LeGeyt, National Association of Broadcasters, Washington, D.C.; and Roger Lynch, Conde Nast, New York, New York.

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: 22 public bills, H.R. 6929–6950; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 954–956, were introduced. Pages H50–51

Additional Cosponsors: Pages H52–54

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Molinaro to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. Page H19

Recess: The House recessed at 10:46 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. Page H24

Recess: The House recessed at 12:40 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. Page H29

Stop Settlement Slush Funds Act of 2023, 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 Providing for con-

gressional 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”—Rule for Consideration: The House failed to agree to H. Res. 947, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 788) to limit donations made pursuant to settlement agreements to which the United States is a party; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (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 providing for consideration of the joint resolution (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”, by a recorded vote of 203 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 3, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-

nay vote of 213 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 2. Representative Moore (UT) moved to reconsider the vote on the resolution, on which further proceedings were postponed.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 954, electing a Member to a certain standing committee for the House of Representatives.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Taiwan Non-Discrimination Act of 2023: H.R. 540, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to pursue more equitable treatment of Taiwan at the international financial institutions;

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Pressure Regulatory Organizations To End Chinese Threats to Taiwan Act: H.R. 803, amended, to direct certain financial regulators to exclude representatives of the Peoples Republic of China from certain banking organizations upon notice of certain threats or danger;

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China Exchange Rate Transparency Act of 2023: H.R. 839, amended, to require the United States Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund to advocate for increased transparency with respect to exchange rate policies of the People's Republic of China; and

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OFAC Licensure for Investigators Act: H.R. 6370, amended, to require the Office of Foreign Assets Control to develop a program under which private sector firms may receive a license to conduct nominal financial transactions in furtherance of the firms' investigations.

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Discharge Petition: Representative DeGette presented to the Clerk a motion to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 916) entitled, a resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 625) to regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices (Discharge Petition No. 8).

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Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H29–30 and H30–31.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6914, the "Pregnant Students' Rights Act"; and H.R. 443, the "Enhancing Detection of Human Trafficking Act". H.R. 6914 and H.R. 443 were ordered reported, as amended.

PROTECTING CLEAN AMERICAN ENERGY PRODUCTION AND JOBS BY STOPPING EPA'S OVERREACH

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials held a hearing entitled "Protecting Clean American Energy Production and Jobs by Stopping EPA's Overreach". Testimony was heard from Joseph Goffman, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, Environmental Protection Agency; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE DOL FIDUCIARY RULE: IMPLICATIONS FOR RETIREMENT SAVINGS AND ACCESS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets held a hearing entitled "Examining the DOL Fiduciary Rule: Implications for Retirement Savings and Access". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REGULATORY WHIPLASH: EXAMINING THE IMPACT OF FSOC'S EVER-CHANGING DESIGNATION FRAMEWORK ON INNOVATION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Digital Assets, Financial Technology and Inclusion held a hearing entitled "Regulatory Whiplash: Examining the Impact of FSOC's Ever-changing Designation Framework on Innovation". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HAVOC IN THE HEARTLAND: HOW SECRETARY MAYORKAS' FAILED LEADERSHIP HAS IMPACTED THE STATES

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Havoc in the Heartland: How Secretary Mayorkas' Failed Leadership Has Impacted the States". Testimony was heard from Austin Knudsen, Attorney General, Montana; Gentner Drummond, Attorney General, Oklahoma; Andrew Bailey, Attorney General, Missouri; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on the Report Recommending that the House of Representatives Cite Robert Hunter Biden for Contempt of Congress. The Report Recommending that the House of Representatives Cite Robert Hunter Biden for Contempt of Congress was ordered reported, as amended.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'S DEFERRED MAINTENANCE BACKLOG: PERSPECTIVES FROM THE GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE AND THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands; and Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a joint hearing entitled “National Park Service’s Deferred Maintenance Backlog: Perspectives from the Government Accountability Office and the Inspector General”. Testimony was heard from Cardell Johnson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; and Mark Greenblatt, Inspector General, Department of the Interior.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a markup on the Resolution Recommending that the House of Representatives Find Robert Hunter Biden In Contempt of Congress. The Resolution Recommending that the House of Representatives Find Robert Hunter Biden In Contempt of Congress was ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

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

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: 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.

House

Committee on Education and Workforce, 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, 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, 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, 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, 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 the Judiciary, 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, 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, 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 Small Business, 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, 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, Full Committee, business meeting on a committee resolution to authorize a subpoena, 10 a.m., 360 Cannon.

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

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 6918, the “Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Interim Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3, 2023 through January 3, 2024

	Senate	House	Total
Days in session	178	182	..
Time in session	841 hrs., 11'	657 hrs., 43'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	6,087	7,031	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	1,270	..
Public bills enacted into law	40	23	..
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	401	330	731
Senate bills	84	12	..
House bills	19	186	..
Senate joint resolutions	7	4	..
House joint resolutions	10	13	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions	6	11	..
Simple resolutions	274	104	..
Measures reported, total	*256	332	588
Senate bills	223	..	..
House bills .....	..	274	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	11	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	2	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	5	..
Simple resolutions	31	42	..
Special reports	19	5	..
Conference reports	1	1	..
Measures pending on calendar	236	156	..
Measures introduced, total	4,149	8,036	12,185
Bills	3,555	6,903	..
Joint resolutions	53	106	..
Concurrent resolutions	24	81	..
Simple resolutions	517	946	..
Quorum calls	2	5	..
Yea-and-nay votes	352	274	..
Recorded votes .....	..	445	..
Bills vetoed	4	5	..
Vetoed overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3, 2023 through January 3, 2024

Civilian nominees, totaling 402, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	188
Unconfirmed	95
Withdrawn	9
Returned to the White House	110
Other Civilian nominees, totaling 1,901, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	1,156
Unconfirmed	745
Air Force nominees, totaling 6,063, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,952
Unconfirmed	111
Army nominees, totaling 8,714, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	6,808
Unconfirmed	1,906
Navy nominees, totaling 5,025, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	5,018
Unconfirmed	7
Marine Corps nominees, totaling 2,426, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,420
Unconfirmed	6
Space Force nominees, totaling 815, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	813
Unconfirmed	2
Summary	
Total nominees carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominees received this Session	25,346
Total confirmed	22,355
Total unconfirmed	2,872
Total withdrawn	9
Total returned to the White House	110

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 148 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 338 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, January 11

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, January 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Erika L. McEntarfer, of the District of Columbia, to be Commissioner of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11:45 a.m. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 1:45 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: To be announced.

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