

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 2872, Further Additional Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act, as amended.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S175–S192

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3609–3631, S. Res. 527–529, and S. Con. Res. 25.

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Measures Passed:

Further Additional Continuing Appropriations and Other Extensions Act: By 77 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 12), Senate passed H.R. 2872, to amend the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 to allow the Secretary of the Interior to issue electronic stamps under such Act, by the order of the Senate of Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and after taking action on the following amendments and motion proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Schumer (for Murray) Amendment No. 1381, in the nature of a substitute.

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Rejected:

By 44 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 10), Paul Amendment No. 1384 (to Amendment No. 1381), to limit foreign assistance to the Palestinian Authority or any other Palestinian governing entity in the West Bank and Gaza. (Pursuant to the order of Wednesday, January 17, 2024, the amendment having failed to achieve 60 affirmative votes, was not agreed to.)

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By 13 yeas to 82 nays (Vote No. 11), Marshall motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the only remaining amendments in order to the bill were the following: Paul Amendment No. 1384, and Marshall motion to commit.

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Enrollment Correction: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 25, providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 2872.

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Harding University Football Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 527, to commend and congratulate the Harding University football team for winning the 2023 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II national championship.

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Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senator Tester be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions from Thursday, January 18, 2024, through Monday, January 22, 2024.

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Koos Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Christopher Koos, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors.

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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, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, January 18, 2024, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 2024.

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, January 22, 2024, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of the Senate of Thursday, January 18, 2024, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, January 22, 2024.

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Coscia Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors.

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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 Christopher Koos, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors.

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Szabat Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Joel Matthew Szabat, of Maryland, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors.

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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 Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—12)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 3:07 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, January 22, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S191–92.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

OUTPACING CHINA IN EMERGING TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine national security challenges, focusing on outpacing China in emerging technology, after receiving testimony from Emily Kilcrease, Center for a New American Security, and Lindsay Gorman, German Marshall Fund of the United States Alliance for Securing Democracy, both of Washington, D.C.; and Jamil N. Jaffer, National Security Institute and NSI Cyber and Tech Center, Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University, Fairfax, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1863, to require the Secretary of Energy to conduct a study and submit a report on the greenhouse gas emissions intensity of certain products produced in the United States and in certain foreign countries, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2781, to promote remediation of abandoned hardrock mines, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3412, to redesignate the Richard H. Poff Federal Building located at 210 Franklin Road Southwest in Roanoke, Virginia, as the "Reuben E. Lawson Federal Building";

S. 3570, to designate the United States courthouse located at 500 West Pike Street in Clarksburg, West Virginia, as the "Irene M. Keeley United States Courthouse"; and

S. 3577, to designate the Federal building located at 300 E. 3rd Street in North Platte, Nebraska, as the "Virginia Smith Federal Building".

SECRETARY OF STATE BRIEFING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee received a closed briefing from Antony Blinken, Secretary of State.

LONG COVID

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine addressing long COVID, focusing on advancing research and improving patient care, after receiving testimony from Michelle Harkins, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque; Ziyad Al-Aly, Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri; Charisse Madlock-Brown, University of Iowa College of Nursing Acute

and Critical Care Division, Iowa City; Tiffany Walker, Emory University School of Medicine Division of General Internal Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia; Angela Meriquez Vazquez, Los Angeles, California; Rachel Beale, Southampton County, Virginia; and Nicole Heim, Winchester, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Seth Robert Aframe, of New Hampshire, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Nicole G. Berner, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit, Joshua Paul Kolar, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Adeel Abdullah Mangi, of New Jersey, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Jacquelyn D. Austin, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina, Amy M. Baggio, and Mustafa Taher Kasubhai, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, Jacqueline Becerra, Melissa Damian, and David

Seymour Leibowitz, each to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Cristal C. Brisco, and Gretchen S. Lund, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, Edward Sunyol Kiel, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, Eumi K. Lee, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Sarah French Russell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut, Kirk Edward Sherriff, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Julie Simone Sneed, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, Joseph Albert Laroski, Jr., of Maryland, and Lisa W. Wang, of the District of Columbia, both to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, Ramona Villagomez Manglona, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, and Deborah Robinson, of New Jersey, to be Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator, Executive Office of the President.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 7029–7058; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 83; and H. Res. 972–976, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1432, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the deductibility of charitable contributions to certain organizations for members of the Armed Forces, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–351); and

H.R. 3372, to amend title 23, United States Code, to establish a safety data collection program for certain 6-axle vehicles, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–352).

Pages H238–39

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Van Orden to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:14 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:30 p.m. and reconvened at 3:41 p.m.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Tuesday, January 16th.

Providing remote access to court proceedings for victims of the 1988 Bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland: S. 3250, to provide remote access to court proceedings for victims of the 1988 Bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 413 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 14;

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Moving Americans Privacy Protection Act: H.R. 1568, amended, to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to protect personally identifiable information;

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Social Security Child Protection Act of 2023: H.R. 3667, amended, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to provide for the reissuance of social security account numbers to young children in cases where confidentiality has been compromised;

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Protect Reporters from Exploitative State Spying Act: H.R. 4250, to maintain the free flow of information to the public by establishing appropriate limits on the federally compelled disclosure of information obtained as part of engaging in journalism.

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

Amend the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 to allow the Secretary of the Interior to issue electronic stamps under such Act: Concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2872, to amend the Permanent Electronic Duck Stamp Act of 2013 to allow the Secretary of the Interior to issue electronic stamps under such Act, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 314 yeas to 108 nays, Roll No. 15.

Pages H219–25, H225–26

Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act: The House passed H.R. 6918, to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from restricting funding for pregnancy centers, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 17.

Pages H201–10, H226–27

Rejected the Davids (KS) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 208 yeas to 214 nays, Roll No. 16.

Pages H226–27

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–20 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill.

Pages H201–02

H. Res. 969, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 6914) and (H.R. 6918) and the resolution (H. Res. 957) was agreed to yesterday, January 17th.

Pregnant Students' Rights Act: The House passed H.R. 6914, to require institutions of higher education to disseminate information on the rights of, and accommodations and resources for, pregnant students, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 19.

Pages H210–19, H228–29

Rejected the Underwood motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Education and the Workforce, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 207 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 18.

Pages H219, H228

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted.

Pages H210–11

H. Res. 969, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 6914) and (H.R. 6918) and the resolution (H. Res. 957) was agreed to yesterday, January 17th.

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Wednesday, January 17th.

Recruiting Families Using Data Act of 2023: H.R. 3058, amended, to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve foster and adoptive parent recruitment and retention.

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Ensuring the security of office space rented by Senators: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 3222, to ensure the security of office space rented by Senators.

Pages H229–30

Providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 2872: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and agree to S. Con. Res. 25, providing for a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 2872.

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Work Period Designation: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated the period from Thursday, January 18, 2024, through Sunday, January 28, 2024, as a "district work period" under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5.

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Senate Referral: S. 2414 was held at the desk.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H219 and H230.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H225, H226, H226–27, H227, H228, and H228–29.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5779, the "Fiscal Commission Act of 2023"; H.R. 6952, the "Fiscal State of the Nation Act"; and H.R. 6957, the "Debt-to-GDP Transparency and Stabilization Act". H.R. 5779 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 6952 and H.R. 6957 were ordered reported, without amendment.

PREPARING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS IN THE SKILLS-BASED ECONOMY

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled "Preparing Students for Success in the Skills-Based Economy". Testimony was heard from Kelly Mosley, Supervisor, Career and Technical Education, Clay County District Schools, Florida; Richard Kincaid, Senior Executive Director of College and Career Pathways, Maryland Department of Education; and public witnesses.

**FUELING AMERICA'S ECONOMY:
LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE SAFETY AND
EXPAND U.S. PIPELINE INFRASTRUCTURE**

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security held a hearing entitled "Fueling America's Economy: Legislation to Improve Safety and Expand U.S. Pipeline Infrastructure". Testimony was heard from Tristan Brown, Deputy Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation; and public witnesses.

**NIL PLAYBOOK: PROPOSAL TO PROTECT
STUDENT ATHLETES' DEALMAKING
RIGHTS**

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce held a hearing entitled "NIL Playbook: Proposal to Protect Student Athletes' Dealmaking Rights". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT OF THE SEC'S PROPOSED
CLIMATE DISCLOSURE RULE: A FUTURE OF
LEGAL HURDLES**

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Oversight of the SEC's Proposed Climate Disclosure Rule: A Future of Legal Hurdles". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**THE MYTH OF THE NEW CUBAN
ENTREPRENEURS: AN ANALYSIS OF THE
BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S CUBA POLICY**

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing entitled "The Myth of the New Cuban Entrepreneurs: An Analysis of the Biden Administration's Cuba Policy". Testimony was heard from Eric Jacobstein, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; and Enrique Roig, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Department of State.

**VOICES FOR THE VICTIMS: THE
HEARTBREAKING REALITY OF THE
MAYORKAS BORDER CRISIS**

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Voices for the Victims: The Heartbreaking Reality of the Mayorkas Border Crisis". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on Ratification of Subcommittee Assignments; H.R. 5736, the "Federal Accountability in Interviews Reform Act"; H.R. 1508, the "Traveler's Gun Rights Act"; H.R. 1709, the "Tribal Firearm

Access Act"; H.R. 5585, the "Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act"; H.R. 6976, the "Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act"; H.R. 6678, the "Consequences for Social Security Fraud Act"; and H.R. 6679, the "No Immigration Benefits for Hamas Terrorists Act". Subcommittee Assignments were approved. H.R. 5736, H.R. 1709, H.R. 1508, H.R. 5585, H.R. 6976, H.R. 6678, and H.R. 6679 were ordered reported, as amended.

**REPORTING FOR DUTY: EXAMINING THE
IMPACTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE
INTERIOR'S REMOTE AND TELEWORK
POLICIES**

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Reporting for Duty: Examining the Impacts of the Department of the Interior's Remote and Telework Policies". Testimony was heard from Mark Green, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Human Capital and Diversity and Chief Human Capital Officer, Department of the Interior; and Dawn G. Locke, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a hearing on H.R. 897, the "Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary and Protection Act"; H.R. 3925, the "Youth Coastal Fishing Program Act of 2023"; H.R. 5441, the "Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Reauthorization Act of 2023"; and H.R. 6235, the "Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Research and Control Amendments Act of 2023". Testimony was heard from Representatives Carl and LaLota; Paul M. Scholz, Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 6062, to restore the ability of the people of American Samoa to approve amendments to the territorial constitution based on majority rule in a democratic act of self-determination, as authorized pursuant to an Act of Congress delegating administration of Federal territorial law in the territory to the President, and to the Secretary of the Interior under Executive Order 10264, dated June 29, 1951, under which the Constitution of American Samoa was approved and may be amended without requirement for further congressional action, subject to the authority of Congress under the Territorial Clause in article IV, section 3, clause 2 of the United States Constitution;

and H.R. 6273, the “Guam Host Community Compensation Act”. Testimony was heard from Keone Nakoa, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Insular and International Affairs, Department of the Interior; Talauega Eleasalo Vaalele Ale, Lieutenant Governor, American Samoa; Alexander Eli Jennings, Delegate, Swains Island, American Samoa House of Representatives; Jesse Alig, Mayor, Piti, Guam; and Lordes Aflague Leon Guerrero, Governor, Guam.

THE NEXT GENERATION: EMPOWERING AMERICAN NUCLEAR ENERGY

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “The Next Generation: Empowering American Nuclear Energy”. Testimony was heard from Dan Dorman, Executive Director for Operations, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Kathryn Huff, Assistant Secretary, Office of Nuclear Energy, Department of Energy; and David Ortiz, Director, Office of Electric Reliability, U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy.

UNLEASHING MAIN STREET’S POTENTIAL: EXAMINING AVENUES TO CAPITAL ACCESS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Unleashing Main Street’s Potential: Examining Avenues to Capital Access”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT AND EXAMINATION OF RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING ELIMINATION AND SAFETY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Oversight and Examination of Railroad Grade Crossing Elimination and Safety”. Testimony was heard from Amit Bose, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation; Jennifer Homendy, Chair, National Transportation Safety Board; Michael Smith, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Transportation; and a public witness.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 7024, the “Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024”, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, January 22

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Christopher Koos, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Monday, January 22

House Chamber

Program for Monday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.

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