

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S193–S204

Measures Introduced: Four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3632–3635, and S.J. Res. 54–56. Page S202

Measures Reported:

S. 3392, to reauthorize the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002, the Educational Technical Assistance Act of 2002, and the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S202

Waiver of Buy America Requirements for Electric Vehicle Chargers—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that if the Senate receives a veto message on 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”, it be considered as having been read and be printed in the Record and spread in full upon the Journal; that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the veto message with respect to S.J. Res. 38 be considered at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in concurrence with the Republican Leader prior to January 31, 2024; that there be up to two hours for debate equally divided between the two Leaders or their designees; and that Senate then vote on passage of the joint resolution, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding. Page S203

Koos Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Christopher Koos, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors. Pages S193–99

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

By 82 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. EX. 13), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. Page S200

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, January 23, 2024; that all time be considered ex-

pired at 11:30 a.m.; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, all time be considered expired at 2:15 p.m.; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Joel Matthew Szabat, of Maryland, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, all time be considered expired at 6 p.m. Page S203

Austin Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jacquelyn D. Austin, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. Page S199

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 Joel Matthew Szabat, of Maryland, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors. Page S199

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. Page S199

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. Page S199

Brisco Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Cristal C. Brisco, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana. Page S199

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 Jacquelyn D. Austin, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. Page S199

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. Page S199

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. Page S199

Lund Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Gretchen S. Lund, of

Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana. **Page S199**

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 Cristal C. Brisco, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana. **Page S199**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S199**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S199**

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

Additional Statements: **Pages S200–01**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—13) **Page S200**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:35 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S204.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 7059–7074; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 84; and H. Res. 977, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors: **Page H247**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Banks to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H245**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor Zack Randles, Waterfront Church, Washington, DC. **Page H245**

Whole Number of the House: The Chair announced to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Ohio, Mr. Johnson, the whole number of the House is 432. **Page H245**

British-American Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the British-American Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Crow, Meeks, DelBene, Gomez and Matsui. **Page H245**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Ways and Means: On Friday, January 19, 2024, Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 7024, the “Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024”. H.R. 7024 was ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D11)

H.R. 2872, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024. Signed on January 19, 2024. (Public Law 118–35)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Melissa Griffin Dalton, of Virginia, to

be Under Secretary of the Air Force, Douglas Craig Schmidt, of Tennessee, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, and Aprille Joy Ericsson, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD—G50.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight, to hold hearings to examine improving export controls enforcement, 2:45 p.m., SD—562.

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine the Patent Eligibility Restoration Act, focusing on restoring clarity, certainty, and predictability to the U.S. patent system, 2:30 p.m., SD—226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC—217.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of January 23 through January 26, 2024

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Christopher Koos, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m. Following disposition of the nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Anthony Rosario Coscia, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:15 p.m. Following disposition of the nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Joel Matthew Szabat, of Maryland, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 6 p.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 Armed Services: January 23, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Melissa Griffin Dalton, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, Douglas Craig Schmidt, of Tennessee, to be Director of Operational Test and Evaluation, and Aprille Joy Ericsson, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense, 9:30 a.m., SD—G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: January 25, to hold hearings to examine reauthorization of the

National Flood Insurance Program, focusing on local perspectives on challenges and solutions, 10 a.m., SD—538.

Committee on the Budget: January 24, to hold hearings to examine how the climate crisis threatens ocean industries, 10 a.m., SD—608.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: January 24, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Toxic Substances Control Act amendments implementation, 10 a.m., SD—406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: January 24, business meeting to consider S. 2003, to authorize the Secretary of State to provide additional assistance to Ukraine using assets confiscated from the Central Bank of the Russian Federation and other sovereign assets of the Russian Federation, and the nominations of Kurt Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary, Cardell Kenneth Richardson, Sr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Nicole Shampaine, of California, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, Sean Patrick Maloney, of New York, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, with the rank of Ambassador, Jeffrey Prescott, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Representative to the United Nations Agencies for Food and Agriculture, with the rank of Ambassador, Charlie Crist, of Florida, to be Representative of the United States of America on the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization, with the rank of Ambassador, and Joann M. Lockard, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso, all of the Department of State, and Robert David Gioia, of New York, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada, 10 a.m., S—116, Capitol.

January 25, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kamala Shirin Lakhdir, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, and Courtney Diesel O'Donnell, of California, to be United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, with the rank of Ambassador, Laura Stone, of Utah, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, all of the Department of State, Andrew William Plitt, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, and other pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD—419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: January 23, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight, to hold hearings to examine improving export controls enforcement, 2:45 p.m., SD—562.

Committee on the Judiciary: January 23, Subcommittee on Intellectual Property, to hold hearings to examine the Patent Eligibility Restoration Act, focusing on restoring clarity, certainty, and predictability to the U.S. patent system, 2:30 p.m., SD—226.

January 24, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD—226.

January 24, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice and Counterterrorism, to hold hearings to examine AI in

criminal investigations and prosecutions, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: January 24, to hold hearings to examine the use of Artificial Intelligence at the Library of Congress, Government Publishing Office, and Smithsonian Institution, 2:15 p.m., SR-301.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: January 24, to hold hearings to examine succession planning, focusing on opportunities to build wealth and keep jobs in local communities, 2:15 p.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: January 23, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SVC-217.

January 24, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: January 25, to hold hearings to examine assisted living facilities, focusing on understanding long-term care options for older adults, 10 a.m., SD-106.

House Committees

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Tuesday, January 23

Senate Chamber

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If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Anthony Rosario Coscia, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:15 p.m. Following disposition of the nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Joel Matthew Szabat, of Maryland, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 6 p.m.

(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Anthony Rosario Coscia until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
3 p.m., Thursday, January 25

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 3 p.m.

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