

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S205–S226

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3636–3646, S. Res. 530, and S. Con. Res. 26. [Page S222](#)

Measures Passed:

Rural Housing Site Loans Term Extension: Senate passed S. 3646, to amend the Housing Act of 1949 to extend the term of rural housing site loans and clarify the permissible uses of such loans. [Page S222](#)

2027 FIFA Women's World Cup: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 26, recognizing and supporting the efforts of the New Heights Bid Committee to bring the 2027 Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Women's World Cup competition to the United States and Mexico. [Page S222](#)

National Stalking Awareness Month: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 528, raising awareness and encouraging the prevention of stalking by designating January 2024 as "National Stalking Awareness Month", and the resolution was then agreed to. [Pages S225–26](#)

Appointments:

Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 100–458, sec. 114(b)(2)(c), the appointment of the following individual to serve a six-year term as a member of the Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development: Senator Wicker (reappointment). [Page S226](#)

Health Information Technology Advisory Committee: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 114–255, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the Health Information Technology Advisory Committee: Dr. Steven Hester of Kentucky (reappointment) and Ms. Trudi Matthews of Kentucky. [Page S226](#)

Sheriff Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kirk Edward Sheriff, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California. [Page S212](#)

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 Gretchen S. Lund, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana. [Page S212](#)

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. [Page S211](#)

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. [Page S212](#)

Kolar Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Joshua Paul Kolar, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit. [Page S212](#)

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 Kirk Edward Sheriff, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California. [Page S212](#)

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. [Page S212](#)

Austin, Brisco, and Lund Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, January 24, 2024, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Jacquelyn D. Austin, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina; that, notwithstanding Rule XXII, at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jacquelyn D. Austin, to be immediately followed by

a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Cristal C. Brisco, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana; that, if cloture has been invoked on either nomination, all time be considered expired at 2:15 p.m., and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order in which cloture was invoked; and that following disposition of the nomination of Cristal C. Brisco, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Gretchen S. Lund, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, and that the motion to invoke cloture ripen at 6:15 p.m.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 91 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. EX. 14), Christopher Koos, of Illinois, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

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By 79 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. EX. 16), Anthony Rosario Coscia, of New Jersey, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

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

By 79 yeas to 19 nays (Vote No. EX. 15), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 96 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 17), Joel Matthew Szabat, of Maryland, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

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

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—17) **Pages S210–11**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:15 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 24, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S226.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

PATENT ELIGIBILITY RESTORATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine the Patent Eligibility Restoration Act, focusing on restoring clarity, certainty, and predictability to the United States patent system, after receiving testimony from Philip S. Johnson, Coalition for 21st Century Patent Reform, Courtenay C. Brinckerhoff, Foley and Lardner LLP, and David W. Jones, High Tech Inventors Alliance, all of Washington, D.C.; Richard L. Blaylock, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP, San Diego, California; Andrei Iancu, Sullivan and Cromwell LLP, Los Angeles, California; David J. Kappos, Cravath, Swaine and Moore LLP, New York, New York; Mark Deem, Lightstone Ventures, Menlo Park, California; and Adam Mossoff, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, Arlington, Virginia.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will meet in Pro Forma session at 3 p.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

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

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

Committee on Foreign Relations: 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 Org-

ganization 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.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Susan M. Bazis, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, Ernest Gonzalez, and Leon Schuydlower, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Ann Marie McIff Allen, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Kelly Harrison Rankin, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming, and Robin Michelle Meriweather, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, 10 a.m., SD-226.

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

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Wednesday, January 24

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Jacquelyn D. Austin, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina.

At 11:30 a.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jacquelyn D. Austin, to be immediately followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Cristal C. Brisco, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana. If cloture is invoked on either nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:15 p.m. in the order in which cloture was invoked.

Following disposition of the nomination of Cristal C. Brisco, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Gretchen S. Lund, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 6:15 p.m.

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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