

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### Routine Proceedings, pages S227-S253

**Measures Introduced:** Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3647–3657, and S. Res. 531. **Pages S250–51**

#### Measures Passed:

**Train More Nurses Act:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 2853, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of Labor to conduct a study and issue a report on grant programs to support the nursing workforce, and the bill was then passed. **Page S253**

#### Appointments:

**Washington's Farewell Address:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to the order of the Senate of January 24, 1901, as modified by the order of January 24, 2024, appointed Senator Cardin to read Washington's Farewell Address on Monday, February 26, 2024. **Page S253**

**Washington's Farewell Address—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the order of January 24, 1901, the traditional reading of Washington's Farewell Address take place on Monday, February 26, 2024, following the Prayer and Pledge of the Flag. **Page S253**

**Message from the President:** Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to the Constitution, the report of the veto of S.J. Res. 38, a joint resolution that would disapprove under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, an action by the Federal Highway Administration relating to “Waiver of Buy America Requirements for Electric Vehicle Chargers”; ordered to be printed in the Record, spread in full upon the Journal, and held at the desk. (PM-35) **Page S248**

**Lund Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Gretchen S. Lund, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana. **Pages S236–46**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the nomination, be withdrawn, and that, notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 25, 2024. **Page S253**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, January 25, 2024; that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Kirk Edward Sheriff, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, ripen upon disposition of the nomination of Gretchen S. Lund, and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Kirk Edward Sheriff, all time be considered expired and the vote on confirmation of the nomination be at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader; that following the cloture vote on the nomination of Kirk Edward Sheriff, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Joshua Paul Kolar, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, and that the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination ripen at 1:45 p.m. **Page S253**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 80 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. EX. 20), Jacquelyn D. Austin, of South Carolina, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Carolina. **Page S235**

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

By 79 yeas to 17 nays (Vote No. EX. 18), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S232**

By 67 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. EX. 21), Cristal C. Brisco, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana. **Page S236**

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

By 68 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. EX. 19), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S233**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today.  
(Total—21) Pages S232–33, S235–36

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S253.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### OCEAN INDUSTRIES

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine how the climate crisis threatens ocean industries, after receiving testimony from Andrea Dutton, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Rashid Sumaila, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada; Thomas K. Frazer, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg; Phil Levy, Flexport, New York, New York; and Kyle Schaefer, Kittery Point, Maine.

### TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Toxic Substances Control Act amendments implementation, after receiving testimony from Michal Freedhoff, Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

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, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; 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, 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, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Susan M. Bazis, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, who was introduced by Senator Fischer, Ernest Gonzalez, and Leon Schrydlower, 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, who was introduced by Senators Barrasso and Lummis, and Robin Michelle Meriweather, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### AI IN CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTIONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice and Counterterrorism concluded a hearing to examine AI in criminal investigations and prosecutions, after receiving testimony from Karen L. Howard, Director, Science, Technology Assessment, and Analytics, Government Accountability Office; Armando R. Aguilar, Miami Police Department, Miami, Florida; and Rebecca Wexler, Berkeley Center for Law and Technology, Berkeley, California.

### USE OF AI AT LOC, GPO, AND SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

*Committee on Rules and Administration:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the use of Artificial Intelligence at the Library of Congress, Government Publishing Office, and Smithsonian Institution, after receiving testimony from Carla Hayden, Librarian of

Congress; Hugh Nathaniel Halpern, Director, Government Publishing Office; and Meroe Park, Deputy Secretary and Chief Operating Officer, Smithsonian Institution.

### SUCCESSION PLANNING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine succession planning, focusing on opportunities to build wealth and keep jobs in local communities, including S. 1108, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes, after receiving testimony from Scott Snider,

Exit Planning Institute, Westlake, Ohio; Theresa Hildreth, Martin Hildreth Company, Inc., Rockwell City, Iowa; Tabitha Croscut, Devine, Millimet and Branch, P.A., Manchester, New Hampshire; and Palmer Schoening, Family Business Coalition, Washington, D.C.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

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# 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.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* 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 Foreign Relations:* 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.

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

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
10 a.m., Thursday, January 25

Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue 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 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 Kirk Edward Sherriff, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

At 1:45 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Joshua Paul Kolar, of Indiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

*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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