

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S291–S324

Measures Introduced: Twenty-two bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3697–3718, and S. Res. 536–539. **Pages S308–09**

Measures Passed:

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

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National Catholic Schools Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 539, supporting the contributions of Catholic schools in the United States and celebrating the 50th annual National Catholic Schools Week.

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Blue Mountain Christian University: Senate agreed to S. Res. 538, commending Blue Mountain Christian University for 150 years of service to the State of Mississippi and the United States. **Page S322**

Cybersecurity Risk Management, Strategy, Governance, and Incident Disclosure—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the order of Wednesday, December 20, 2023 with respect to S.J. Res. 50, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to “Cybersecurity Risk Management, Strategy, Governance, and Incident Disclosure”, be vitiated. **Page S322**

Waiver of Buy America Requirements for Electric Vehicle Chargers—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the order of Monday, January 22, 2024 with respect to the 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”, be modified so that the date for consideration be prior to Thursday, February 29, 2024, with all other previous provisions remaining in effect.

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Wang and Laroski, Jr., Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11 a.m., on Thursday, February 1, 2024, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Lisa W. Wang, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade; that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, January 30, 2024, ripen at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 1, 2024; that following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Lisa W. Wang, Senate immediately vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Joseph Albert Laroski, Jr., of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Joseph Albert Laroski, Jr., all time be considered expired and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Lisa W. Wang, all time be considered expired at 1:45 p.m.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 54 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 26), Kirk Edward Sherriff, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California.

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By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 28), Karoline Mehalchick, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

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

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 27), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 30), Joseph Goffman, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 29), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S296**

21 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

15 Army nominations in the rank of general.

16 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

24 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

5 Space Force nominations in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—30) **Pages S295–96, S301**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:09 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 1, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S323.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

A.I. AND HOUSING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine Artificial Intelligence and housing, after receiving testimony from Lisa Rice, National Fair Housing Alliance, and Vanessa G. Perry, GW School of Business, both of Washington, D.C.; and Nicholas Schmidt, BLDS, LLC, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine expanding housing affordability, after receiving testimony from Kevin Boyce, Board of County Commissioners in Franklin County President, Columbus, Ohio, on behalf of the National Association of Counties; Peggy Bailey, Center on

Budget and Policy Priorities, and Bill Slover, AVCO Interests LLC, both of Washington, D.C.; Carol Ventura, RIHousing, Providence, Rhode Island; and Todd B. Walker, Indiana University Center of Applied Economics and Policy Research, Bloomington.

METHANE EMISSIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine avoiding, detecting, and capturing methane emissions from landfills, after receiving testimony from Tom Frankiewicz, RMI, Washington, D.C.; Tia R. Scarpelli, Carbon Mapper, Ann Arbor, Michigan; and Anne Germain, National Waste and Recycling Association, Arlington, Virginia.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Marjorie A. Rollinson, of Virginia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and an Assistant General Counsel in the Department of the Treasury, and Rebecca Lee Haffajee, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Corey Anne Tellez, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, and Andrew G. Biggs, of Oregon, Kathryn Rose Lang, of Maryland, and Sharon Beth Lewis, of Oregon, each to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NATO AT 75

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation concluded a hearing to examine the North Atlantic Treaty Organization at 75, focusing on past successes and planning for the future, after receiving testimony from Douglas Lute, former United States Permanent Representative to NATO, Lieutenant General, United States Army, (Ret.), Luke Coffey, Hudson Institute, and Tara Varma, Brookings Institution Centre on the United States and Europe, all of Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3626, to clarify task and delivery order solicitation and contract requirements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3635, to improve the President's Cup Cybersecurity Competitions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3613, to require Facility Security Committees to respond to security recommendations issued by the Federal Protective Service relating to facility security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3654, to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to require the timely appointment of agency transition officials, to ensure adequate performance and oversight of required transition-related preparation, to require new guidance for agencies and possible transition teams, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3648, to amend the Post-Katrina Management Reform Act of 2006 to repeal certain obsolete requirements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2367, to improve border security through regular assessments and evaluations of the Checkpoint Program Management Office and effective training of U.S. Border Patrol agents regarding drug seizures, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3594, to require Governmentwide source code sharing, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2143, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 South 2nd Avenue in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as the "Staff Sergeant Robb Lura Roling Post Office Building";

S. 2274, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 Wyoming Street in Shoshoni, Wyoming, as the "Dessie A. Bebout Post Office";

S. 2717, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 231 North Franklin Street in Greensburg, Indiana, as the "Brigadier General John T. Wilder Post Office";

S. 3267, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 Dakota Avenue South in Huron, South Dakota, as the "First Lieutenant Thomas Michael Martin Post Office Building";

S. 3357, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5120 Derry Street in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, as the "Hettie Simmons Love Post Office Building";

S. 3419, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1765 Camp Hill Bypass in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, as the "John Charles Traub Post Office";

S. 3639, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2075 West Stadium Boulevard in Ann Arbor, Michigan, as the "Robert Hayden Post Office";

S. 3640, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 155 South Main Street in Mount Clemens, Michigan, as the "Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Jefferson Post Office";

H.R. 292, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 24355 Creekside Road in Santa Clarita, California, as the "William L. Reynolds Post Office Building";

H.R. 996, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3901 MacArthur Blvd., in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the "Dr. Rudy Lombard Post Office";

H.R. 2379, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 616 East Main Street in St. Charles, Illinois, as the "Veterans of the Vietnam War Memorial Post Office";

H.R. 3944, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 West Church Street in Mount Vernon, Georgia, as the "Second Lieutenant Patrick Palmer Calhoun Post Office"; and

The nominations of Adrienne Jennings Noti, Tanya Monique Jones Bosier, Danny Lam Hoan Nguyen, Kenechukwu Onyemaechi Okocha, Katherine E. Oler, Judith E. Pipe, and Charles J. Willoughby, Jr., each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

ONLINE CHILD EXPLOITATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Big Tech and the online child sexual exploitation crisis, after receiving testimony from Jason Citron, Discord Inc., and Linda Yaccarino, X Corp., both of San Francisco, California; Mark Zuckerberg, Meta, Menlo Park, California; Evan Spiegel, Snap Inc., Santa Monica, California; and Shou Chew, TikTok Inc., Singapore.

VET CENTERS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Vet Centers, focusing on supporting the mental health needs of servicemembers, veterans and their families, after receiving testimony from Michael Fisher, Chief Officer, Readjustment Counseling Service, Veterans Health Administration, and Julie Kroviak, Principal Deputy Assistant Inspector General for the Office of Healthcare Inspections, Office of Inspector General, both of the Department of Veterans Affairs; and Sharon M. Silas, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office.

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: 26 public bills, H.R. 7155–7180; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 87; and H. Res. 987–990, were introduced. **Pages H363–64**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H365–66**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2553, to amend title 28, United States Code, to authorize removal of an action or prosecution against a President, Vice President, former President, or former Vice President, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept 118–371); and

H.R. 1121, to prohibit a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing (H. Rept. 118–19, Part 2). **Page H363**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Valadao to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H319**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:04 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H326**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:43 p.m. and reconvened at 4:01 p.m. **Page H340**

Consequences for Social Security Fraud Act: The House passed H.R. 6678, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed Social Security fraud are inadmissible and deportable, by a yea-and-nay vote of 272 yeas to 155 nays, Roll No. 27. **Pages H333–38, H340–41**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–23 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. **Page H333**

Agreed to:

D'Esposito amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–362) that expands the bill to require that any alien who has been convicted of or admits to having committed a crime involving financial misconduct in regards to certain COVID–19 loans be inadmissible and deportable (by a yea-and-nay vote of 267 yeas to 158 nays, Roll No. 26). **Pages H340–41**

H. Res. 980, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5585), (H.R. 6678), (H.R. 6679), and (H.R. 6976) was agreed to yesterday, January 30th.

No Immigration Benefits for Hamas Terrorists Act: The House passed H.R. 6679, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to aliens who carried out, participated in, planned, financed, supported, or otherwise facilitated the attacks against Israel, by a yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas to 2 nays with two answering “present”, Roll No. 28. **Pages H338–40, H341–42**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–24 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. **Page H338**

Agreed to:

Rose amendment (No. 1 printed in part C of H. Rept. 118–362) that requires an annual report to Congress on the number of individuals found to be inadmissible and deportable each year as a result of the underlying bill. **Pages H339–40**

H. Res. 980, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 5585), (H.R. 6678), (H.R. 6679), and (H.R. 6976) was agreed to yesterday, January 30th.

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Monday, January 29th.

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2395 East Del Mar Boulevard in Laredo, Texas, as the “Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza, Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez & Sergeant Roberto Arizola Jr. Post Office Building”: H.R. 2754, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2395 East Del Mar Boulevard in Laredo, Texas, as the “Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza, Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez & Sergeant Roberto Arizola Jr. Post Office Building”, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 420 yeas with none voting “nay” and two answering “present”, Roll No. 29; **Pages H342–43**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Dorchester Avenue, Room 1, in Boston, Massachusetts, as the “Caroline Chang Post Office”: H.R. 3728, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 25 Dorchester Avenue, Room 1, in Boston, Massachusetts, as the “Caroline Chang Post Office”; **Page H358**

Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3500 West 6th Street,

Suite 103 in Los Angeles, California, as the “Dosan Abn Chang Ho Post Office”: H.R. 599, amended, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3500 West 6th Street, Suite 103 in Los Angeles, California, as the “Dosan Ahn Chang Ho Post Office”; and

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Designating the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1663 East Date Place in San Bernardino, California, as the “Dr. Margaret B. Hill Post Office Building”: H.R. 1060, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1663 East Date Place in San Bernardino, California, as the “Dr. Margaret B. Hill Post Office Building”.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:59 p.m. and reconvened at 8:01 p.m.

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

Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024: H.R. 7024, as amended, to make improvements to the child tax credit, to provide tax incentives to promote economic growth, to provide special rules for the taxation of certain residents of Taiwan with income from sources within the United States, to provide tax relief with respect to certain Federal disasters, to make improvements to the low-income housing tax credit, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 357 yeas to 70 nays, Roll No. 30.

Pages H343–58, H358

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, February 1st.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H340, H341, H341–42, H342, and H358.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Committee Meetings

QUALITY OF LIFE REVIEW—PERSPECTIVE FROM SENIOR ENLISTED LEADERS

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Quality of Life Review—Perspective from Senior Enlisted Leaders”. Testimony was heard from Sergeant Major Troy E. Black, Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Office of the Secretary of Defense; Sergeant Major Michael R. Weimer, Sergeant Major of the Army, Department of the Army; Master Chief Petty Officer James M. Honea, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, Department of the Navy; Sergeant Major Carlos A. Ruiz, Sergeant Major of the Marine

Corps, Department of the Navy, U.S. Marine Corps; Chief Master Sergeant Joanne S. Bass, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Department of the Air Force; and Chief Master Sergeant John F. Bentivegna, Chief Master Sergeant of the Space Force, Department of the Air Force, U.S. Space Force.

CREATING A CULTURE OF FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY: ASSESSING THE ROLE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Creating a Culture of Fiscal Responsibility: Assessing the Role of the Congressional Budget Office”. Testimony was heard from Phillip Swagel, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6951, the “College Cost Reduction Act”. H.R. 6951 was ordered reported, as amended.

HEALTH CARE SPENDING IN THE UNITED STATES: UNSUSTAINABLE FOR PATIENTS, EMPLOYERS, AND TAXPAYERS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Health Care Spending in the United States: Unsustainable for Patients, Employers, and Taxpayers”. Testimony was heard from Chapin White, Director of Health Analysis, Congressional Budget Office; and public witnesses.

TV TIMEOUT: UNDERSTANDING SPORTS MEDIA RIGHTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “TV Timeout: Understanding Sports Media Rights”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ENSURING THE CYBERSECURITY OF AMERICA’S DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials held a hearing entitled “Ensuring the Cybersecurity of America’s Drinking Water Systems”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RULES WITHOUT ANALYSIS: FEDERAL BANKING PROPOSALS UNDER THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy held a hearing entitled “Rules Without Analysis: Federal Banking Proposals Under the Biden Administration”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE FUTURE OF PEACEKEEPING AND THE INCREASING ROLE OF PRIVATE MILITARY COMPANIES IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations; and Subcommittee on Africa held a joint hearing entitled “The Future of Peacekeeping and the Increasing Role of Private Military Companies in Africa”. Testimony was heard from Michele Sison, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Organization Affairs, Department of State; and Jonathan Pratt, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee concluded a markup on H. Res. 863, Impeaching Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security, for high crimes and misdemeanors. H. Res. 863 was ordered reported, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 674, the “Root and Stem Project Authorization Act of 2023”; H.R. 4297, the “Bolts Ditch Act”; H.R. 5443, the “Accelerating Appraisals and Conservation Efforts Act”; H.R. 6994, the “Restoring Our Unopened Trails for Enjoyment and Safety Act”; and H.R. 7072, the “Wabeno Economic Development Act of 2024”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Newhouse, Neguse, Lee of Nevada, Kim of California, and Tiffany; Greg Smith, Associate Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Tom Tallier, Supervisor, Forest County Board of Supervisors, District 8, Wisconsin; Dan Munsey, Fire Chief, San Bernardino County Fire Department, California; Siri Roman, General Manager, Eagle River Water and Sanitation District, Vail, Colorado; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 2925, the “Mining Regulatory Clarity Act of 2023” H.R. 6862, to amend the FAST Act to include certain mineral production activities as a covered project, and for other purposes; H.R. 7003, the “National Landslide Preparedness Act Reauthorization Act of 2024”; and H.R. 7004, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to amend references of gilsonite to asphaltite. Testimony was heard from Representatives Amodei, DelBene, and Curtis; Steven Feldgus, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

OVERSEEING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES’ COMPLIANCE WITH CONGRESS

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic held a hearing entitled “Overseeing the Department of Health and Human Services’ Compliance with Congress”. Testimony was heard from Melanie Egorin, Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5450, the “Enhancing Competition in Contracting Orders Act”; H.R. 6591, the “Encouraging Success Act”; H.R. 6156, the “Child Care Small Business Insight and Improvement Act of 2023”; H.R. 7102, the “Native American Entrepreneurial Opportunity Act”; H.R. 7103, the “Agency Accountability Act of 2024”; H.R. 7104, the “National SBDC Advisory Board Improvement Act”; H.R. 7105, the “WOSB Certification and Opportunity Expansion Act”; H.R. 7128, the “WOSB Integrity Act of 2024”; and H.R. 7129, the “Put America on Commission Act of 2024”. H.R. 7102, H.R. 7103, H.R. 7104, H.R. 7105, H.R. 7128, H.R. 7129 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 5450, H.R. 6591, and H.R. 6156 were ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 7023, the “Creating Confidence in Clean Water Permitting Act”; H.R. 5089, the “Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act”; H.R. 6248, the “Think Differently About Transportation Act”; and H.R. 7070, the “Wildfire Response Improvement Act”. H.R. 7023, H.R. 6248, and H.R. 7070 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 5089 was ordered reported, without amendment.

THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY CYBER THREAT TO THE AMERICAN HOMELAND AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The CCP Cyber Threat to the American Homeland and National Security”. Testimony was heard from General Paul Nakasone, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, Department of Defense; Jen Easterly, Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; and Harry Coker, Jr., Director, Office of the National Cyber Director, Executive Office of the President.

Joint Meetings

UKRAINIAN CIVILIANS ABDUCTED BY RUSSIA

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine eyewitness accounts from Ukrainian children and adult civilians abducted by Russia, after receiving testimony from Oksana Markarova, Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States; Pia Kauma, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly; Andriy Kostin, Prosecutor General of Ukraine; Dmytro Lubinets, Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights; and Mykola Kuleba, Save Ukraine.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Admiral Samuel J. Paparo, Jr., USN, for reappointment to the grade of admiral and to be Commander, United States Indo-Pacific Command, Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine scams and fraud in the banking system and their impact on consumers, 10 a.m., SD-538.

House

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on H.R. 7160, the “SALT Marriage Penalty Elimination Act”; and H. Res. 987, denouncing the harmful, anti-American energy policies of the Biden administration, and for other purposes, 8 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Thursday, February 1

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Thursday, February 1

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Lisa W. Wang, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11:30 a.m., followed by a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Joseph Albert Laroski, Jr., of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Lisa W. Wang, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 1:45 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 6976—Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act.

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