

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S325–S351

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3719–3732, S.J. Res. 57–59, S. Res. 540–541, and S. Con. Res. 27.

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Measures Reported:

S. 644, to expand the take-home prescribing of methadone through pharmacies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1840, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize and improve the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program for fiscal years 2024 through 2028, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3393, to reauthorize the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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Measures Passed:

National Mentoring Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 529, recognizing January 2024 as “National Mentoring Month”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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National Trafficking and Modern Slavery Prevention Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 541, supporting the observation of National Trafficking and Modern Slavery Prevention Month during the period beginning on January 1, 2024, and ending on February 1, 2024, to raise awareness of, and opposition to, human trafficking and modern slavery.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the issuance of an Executive Order declaring a national emergency to deal with the threat posed by the situation in the West Bank, including in par-

ticular high levels of extremist settler violence, forced displacement of people and villages, and property destruction; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–36) **Pages S341–42**

Laroski, Jr., Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Joseph Albert Laroski, Jr., of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade. **Pages S327–28, S328–31**

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

By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. EX. 32), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S327–28, S328–31**

Campbell Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kurt Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of State. **Page S331**

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 Joseph Albert Laroski, Jr., of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade. **Page S350**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S331**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S331**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, February 5, 2024; and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of Joseph Albert Laroski, Jr., of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade at 5:30 p.m. **Page S350**

Baggio Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Amy M. Baggio, of

Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon. **Pages S331–35**

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 Kurt Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S331**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S331**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 53 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 33), Lisa W. Wang, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade. **Pages S325–28, S329–31**

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

By 53 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 31), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S325–28**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Rose E. Jenkins, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Kashi Way, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Adam B. Landy, of South Carolina, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Amir H. Ali, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Melissa R. DuBose, of Rhode Island, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island.

Sunil R. Harjani, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Robert J. White, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Jasmine Hyejung Yoon, of Virginia, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia.

Rebecca Suzanne Kanter, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California. **Page S351**

Messages from the House: **Page S342**

Measures Referred: **Pages S341, S342**

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—33) **Pages S327–29**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 3:54 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, February 5, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S351.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Hirono, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

SCAMS AND FRAUD IN THE BANKING SYSTEM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine scams and fraud in the banking system and their impact on consumers, including S. 2669, to require the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network to issue guidance on digital assets, S. 3554, to amend the Financial Stability Act of 2010 to provide the Financial Stability Oversight Council with duties regarding artificial intelligence in the financial sector, S. 1481, to amend the Investment Company Act of 1940 to postpone the date of payment or satisfaction upon redemption of certain securities in the case of the financial exploitation of specified adults, and S. 869, to amend the Community Development Banking and Financial Institutions Act of 1994 to reauthorize and improve the community development financial institutions bond guarantee program, after receiving testimony from Carla Sanchez-Adams, National Consumer Law Center, Paul Benda, American Bankers Association, and John Breyault, National Consumers League, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 36 public bills, H.R. 7181–7216; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 109–111; and H. Res. 991–993, were introduced. **Pages H386–88**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H390**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Williams to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H367**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. Michael Cramer, New Life Church, Osceola, Indiana. **Page H367**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H367, H373**

Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act: The House passed H.R. 6976, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed an offense for driving while intoxicated or impaired are inadmissible and deportable, by a yea-and-nay vote of 274 yeas to 150 nays, Roll No. 31. **Pages H369–73**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–22 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 H369**

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 Tuesday, January 30th.

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12 p.m. on Monday, February 5th for morning-hour debate. **Page H385**

Member Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Higgins, wherein he resigned as Representative for the Twenty-Sixth Congressional District of New York, effective at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 2024. **Page H374**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Greene (GA) announced her intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Page H377**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President declaring a national emergency to deal with the threat posed by the situation in the West Bank, including in particular high levels of extremist settler violence, forced displacement of people and

villages, and property destruction—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–102). **Page H385**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H373.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SALT MARRIAGE PENALTY ELIMINATION ACT; DENOUNCING THE HARMFUL, ANTI-AMERICAN ENERGY POLICIES OF THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a 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. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8–5, a rule providing for consideration of 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. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 7160, the “SALT Marriage Penalty Elimination Act”, under closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees. The rule provides for one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H. Res. 987, Denouncing the harmful, anti-American energy policies of the Biden Administration, and for other purposes, under a closed rule. The rule provides that upon adoption of the resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider H. Res. 987. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. Testimony was heard from Representatives Burgess, Castor of Florida, Lawler, and Schneider.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 5, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through January 31, 2024

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	17	14	..
Time in session	79 hrs, 39'	47 hrs, 6'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	324	366	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	104	..
Public bills enacted into law	2	1	3
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	20	38	58
Senate bills	3	3	..
House bills	2	24	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	2	1	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions	13	8	..
Measures reported, total	*15	32	47
Senate bills	15	..	..
House bills .....	..	28	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
Simple resolutions .....	..	3	..
Special reports .....	..	2	..
Conference reports .....	..	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	249	19	..
Measures introduced, total	187	323	510
Bills	160	269	..
Joint resolutions	3	2	..
Concurrent resolutions	2	6	..
Simple resolutions	22	46	..
Quorum calls .....	..	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	30	25	..
Recorded votes .....	..	4	..
Bills vetoed	1	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through January 31, 2024

Civilian nominees, totaling 186 (including 78 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	10
Unconfirmed	176
Other Civilian nominees, totaling 953 (including 745 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	953
Air Force nominees, totaling 772 (including 111 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	772
Army nominees, totaling 2,030 (including 1,906 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	2,030
Navy nominees, totaling 50 (including 7 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	50
Marine Corps nominees, totaling 127 (including 6 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	127
Space Force nominees, totaling 8 (including 2 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Unconfirmed	8
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominees carried over from the First Session	2,855
Total nominees received this Session	1,271
Total confirmed	10
Total unconfirmed	4,116
Total withdrawn	0
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 8 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 34 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, February 5

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Monday, February 5

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Kurt Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of State.

At 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Joseph Albert Laroski, Jr., of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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