

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S401–S426

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3735–3743, and S. Res. 543–544. **Page S421**

Measures Reported:

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”.

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”.

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Measures Passed:

National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 544, designating the week beginning February 5, 2024, as “National Tribal Colleges and Universities Week”. **Page S426**

Relieve Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 12 noon, on Wednesday, February 7, 2024, Senate resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 815, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements relating to the eligibility of veterans to receive reimbursement for emergency treatment furnished through the Veterans Community Care program. **Page S426**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 92 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. EX. 36), Kurt Campbell, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Secretary of State. **Pages S401–07**

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

By 90 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. EX. 35), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S405–06**

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 38), Amy M. Baggio, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon. **Pages S407–15**

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

By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 37), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S407**

Nicole Shampaine, of California, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during her tenure of service as United States Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. **Page S417**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 9 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.
- 9 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Page S426**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—38) **Pages S406–07, S415**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 12 noon on Wednesday, February 7, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S426.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FOREIGN INFLUENCE IN THE U.S.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine foreign influence in the United States, focusing on reviewing Boston Consulting Group, McKinsey and Company, M. Klein and Company, and Teneo's compliance with congressional subpoenas, after receiving testimony from Rich Lesser, Boston Consulting Group, Boston, Massachusetts; Bob Sternfels, McKinsey and Company, San Francisco, California; and Michael S. Klein, M. Klein and Company, and Paul Keary, Teneo, both of New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 7243–7264; and 6 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 88–90; and H. Res. 999–1001 were introduced. **Pages H501–03**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H503–05**

Reports Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 7023, to amend section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to codify certain regulatory provisions relating to nationwide permits for dredged or fill material, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 118–375). **Page H501**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:26 p.m. and reconvened at 1:31 p.m. **Page H447**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Monday, February 5th.

Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission Extension Act: H.R. 1727,

amended, to amend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Development Act to extend the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Commission, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 427 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 36. **Pages H483–84**

Impeaching Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security, for high crimes and misdemeanors: The House failed to agree to H. Res. 863, amended, impeaching Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security, for high crimes and misdemeanors, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 214 yeas to 216 nays, Roll No. 37. Subsequently, Representative Moore (UT) made a motion to reconsider the vote, on which further proceedings were postponed. **Pages H449–76, H484–85**

H. Res. 996, the rule providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 863) and the bill (H.R. 485) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 216 yeas to 209 noes, Roll No. 35, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 215 yeas to 207 nays, Roll No. 34. **Pages H437–49**

Suspensions: The House failed to agree to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Making emergency supplemental appropriations to respond to the attacks in Israel for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024: H.R. 7217, making emergency supplemental appropriations to respond to the attacks in Israel for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 250 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 38.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 999, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. Page H485

Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the 23d Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133d Signal Services Company, known collectively as the “Ghost Army”, in recognition of unique and highly distinguished service during World War II: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 84, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the 23d Headquarters Special Troops and the 3133d Signal Services Company, known collectively as the “Ghost Army”, in recognition of unique and highly distinguished service during World War II.

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Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the women in the United States who joined the workforce during World War II, providing the aircraft, vehicles, weaponry, ammunition, and other material to win the war and who were referred to as “Rosie the Riveter”, in recognition of their contributions to the United States and the inspiration they have provided to ensuing generations: The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 85, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony to present the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to the women in the United States who joined the workforce during World War II, providing the aircraft, vehicles, weaponry, ammunition, and other material to win the war and who were referred to as “Rosie the Riveter”, in recognition of their contributions to the United States and the inspiration they have provided to ensuing generations.

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Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, February 6th.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Four ye-a-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H447–48, H448–49, H483–84, H484, and H485.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 766, the “Preventive Health Savings Act”; H.R. 7032, the “Congressional Budget Office Data Sharing Act”; and H.R. 5301, the “Eliminate Useless Reports Act of 2023”. H.R. 766 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 7032 and H.R. 5301 were ordered reported, without amendment.

PROTECTING MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Protecting Missing and Exploited Children”. Testimony was heard from a public witness.

POLITICS OVER PEOPLE: HOW BIDEN’S LNG EXPORT BAN THREATENS AMERICA’S ENERGY AND ECONOMIC SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security held a hearing entitled “Politics Over People: How Biden’s LNG Export Ban Threatens America’s Energy and Economic Security”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROTECTING AMERICAN HEALTH SECURITY: OVERSIGHT OF SHORTCOMINGS IN THE FDA’S FOREIGN DRUG INSPECTION PROGRAM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Protecting American Health Security: Oversight of Shortcomings in the FDA’s Foreign Drug Inspection Program”. Testimony was heard from Mary Denigan-Macauley, Director of Public Health, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL STABILITY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Annual Report of the Financial Stability Oversight Council”. Testimony was heard from Janet Yellen, Chairperson, Financial Stability Oversight Council, Department of the Treasury.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6609, to amend the Arms Export Control Act to increase the dollar amount thresholds under sections 3 and 36 of that Act relating to proposed transfers or sales of defense articles or services under that Act, and for other purposes; H.R. 7089, to authorize the Diplomatic Security Services of the Department of State to investigate allegations of violations of conduct constituting offenses under chapter 77 of title 18, United States Code, and for other purposes; H.R. 6603, to apply foreign-direct product rules to Iran; H. Res. 82, expressing the sense of Congress regarding the need to designate Nigeria a Country of Particular Concern for engaging in and tolerating systematic, ongoing, and egregious violations of religious freedom, the need to appoint a Special Envoy for Nigeria and the Lake Chad region, and for other purposes; H. Res. 965, calling for the immediate release of Ryan Corbett, a United States citizen, who was wrongfully detained by the Taliban on August 10, 2022, and condemning the wrongful detention of Americans by the Taliban; H.R. 7152, to direct the Secretary of State to establish a national registry of Korean American divided families, and for other purposes; H.R. 7159, to bolster United States engagement with the Pacific Island region, and for other purposes; H. Con. Res. 27, condemning Russia's unjust and arbitrary detention of Russian opposition leader Vladimir Kara-Murza who has stood up in defense of democracy, the rule of law, and free and fair elections in Russia; H.R. 6046, to designate Ansarallah as a foreign terrorist organization and impose certain sanctions on Ansarallah, and for other purposes; and H.R. 7122, to prohibit aid that will benefit Hamas, and for other purposes. H.R. 7152, H.R. 7122, H. Res. 82, H.R. 6603, H. Con. Res. 27, H.R. 7089, H.R. 6046, and H.R. 6609 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 7159 and H. Res. 965 were ordered reported, without amendment.

SECURING OPERATIONAL TECHNOLOGY: A DEEP DIVE INTO THE WATER SECTOR

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Protection held a hearing entitled "Securing Operational Technology: A Deep Dive into the Water Sector". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HEARING ON THE WEAPONIZATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government held a hearing entitled "Hearing on the Weaponization of

the Federal Government". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 1829, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona; H.R. 2925, the "Mining Regulatory Clarity Act of 2023"; H.R. 4297, the "Bolts Ditch Act"; and H.R. 4984, the "D.C. Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus Revitalization Act". H.R. 1829, H.R. 2925, and H.R. 4984 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 4297 was ordered reported, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 6283, the "Delinking Revenue from Unfair Gouging Act"; H.R. 7219, the "Information Quality Assurance Act of 2024"; H.R. 262, the "All Economic Regulations are Transparent Act of 2023"; H.R. 5798, the "Protecting Our Nation's Capital Emergency Act of 2023"; H.R. 7184, the "Congressional Budget Office Data Access Act"; H.R. 6972, the "Securing Chain of Command Continuity Act"; H.R. 5658, the "Vote by Mail Tracking Act"; H.R. 5887, the "Government Service Delivery Improvement Act"; H.R. 3608, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 28081 Marguerite Parkway in Mission Viejo, California, as the "Major Megan McClung Post Office Building"; H.R. 5476, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1077 River Road, Suite 1, in Washington Crossing, Pennsylvania, as the "Susan C. Barnhart Post Office"; H.R. 5640, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12804 Chillicothe Road in Chesterland, Ohio, as the "Sgt. Wolfgang Kyle Weninger Post Office Building"; H.R. 5712, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 Fremont Street in Kiel, Wisconsin, as the "Trooper Trevor J. Casper Post Office Building"; H.R. 6073, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 9925 Bustleton Avenue in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as the "Sergeant Christopher David Fitzgerald Post Office Building"; H.R. 6162, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 379 North Oates Street in Dothan, Alabama, as the "LaBruce 'Bruce' Tidwell Post Office Building"; H.R. 6188, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 420 Highway 17 North in Surfside Beach, South Carolina, as the "Nancy Yount Childs Post Office Building"; H.R. 6651, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 603 West 3rd Street in

Necedah, Wisconsin, as the “Sergeant Kenneth E. Murphy Post Office Building”; H.R. 6750, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 501 Mercer Street Southwest in Wilson, North Carolina, as the “Milton F. Fitch, Sr. Post Office Building”; and H.R. 6983, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 15 South Valdosta Road in Lakeland, Georgia, as the “Nell Patten Roquemore Post Office”; and H.R. 7192, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 333 West Broadway in Anaheim, California, as the “Dr. William I. ‘Bill’ Kott Post Office Building”. H.R. 6283, H.R. 7219, H.R. 262, H.R. 5798, H.R. 7184, H.R. 6972, H.R. 5658, and H.R. 5887 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 3608, H.R. 5476, H.R. 5640, H.R. 5712, H.R. 6073, H.R. 6162, H.R. 6188, H.R. 6651, H.R. 6750, H.R. 6983, and H.R. 7192 were ordered reported, without amendment.

FEDERAL SCIENCE AGENCIES AND THE PROMISE OF AI IN DRIVING SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERIES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology; and Subcommittee on Energy held a joint hearing entitled “Federal Science Agencies and the Promise of AI in Driving Scientific Discoveries”. Testimony was heard from Tess DeBlanc Knowles, Special Assistant to the Director for Artificial Intelligence, National Science Foundation; Georgia Tourassi, Associate Laboratory Director, Computing and Computational Sciences, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE: REVIEWING THE SBA’S SMALL BUSINESS SIZE STANDARDS

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Under the Microscope: Reviewing the SBA’s Small Business Size Standards”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE STATE OF AMERICAN AVIATION AND THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing entitled “The State of American Aviation and the Federal Aviation Administration”. Testimony was heard from Michael Whitaker, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

EXAMINING CHRONIC DRUG SHORTAGES IN THE UNITED STATES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining Chronic Drug Shortages in the United States”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “State of DoD Housing and Aging Infrastructure”, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, hearing entitled “American Confidence in Elections: Confronting Zuckerbucks, Private Funding of Election Administration”, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Trade, hearing entitled “Advancing America’s Interests at the World Trade Organization’s 13th Ministerial Meeting”, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

12 noon, Wednesday, February 7

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Wednesday, February 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 815, RELIEVE Act (the legislative vehicle for the National Security Supplemental).

At approximately 1 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 485—Protecting Health Care for All Patients Act.

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