

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3:30 p.m. on Friday, February 16, 2024.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 7319–7344; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 1010, were introduced. **Pages H580–81**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H582–83**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3722, to require a pilot program on activities under the pre-separation transition process of members of the Armed Forces for a reduction in suicide among veterans, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–380, Part 1);

H.R. 5450, to amend the Small Business Act to modify the application of price evaluation preference for qualified HUBZone small business concerns to certain contracts, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–381);

H.R. 6156, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to designate a point of contact for for-profit child care providers, submit a report to Congress, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–382);

H.R. 7128, to establish requirements relating to size standard compliance of small business concerns owned and controlled by women for certain purposes, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–383);

H.R. 6276, to direct the Administrator of General Services and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to identify the utilization rate of certain public buildings and federally-leased space, and for other purposes, with amendments (H. Rept. 118–384);

H.R. 2426, to amend part E of title IV of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to identify obstacles to identifying and responding to reports of children missing from foster care and other vulnerable foster youth, to provide technical assistance relating to the removal of such obstacles, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–385);

H.R. 4316, to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to permit a State to include as part of the mail voter registration form a requirement that applicants provide proof of citizenship, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–386);

H.R. 5687, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modernize health savings accounts, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–387); and

H. Res. 1009, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7176) to repeal restrictions on the export and import of natural gas (H. Rept. 118–388).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Maloy to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H545**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:42 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H550**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:11 p.m. and reconvened at 4:01 p.m. **Page H551**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

No Dollars To Uyghur Forced Labor: H.R. 4039, amended, to prohibit the use of funds supporting

any activities within the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China;

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IGO Anti-Boycott Act: H.R. 3016, amended, to amend the Anti-Boycott Act of 2018 to apply the provisions of that Act to international governmental organizations; and

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Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act: H.R. 5856, amended, to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 11 nays, Roll No. 41.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:17 p.m. and reconvened at 6:10 p.m.

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Impeaching Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security, for high crimes and misdemeanors: The House agreed to H. Res. 863, amended, by a impeaching Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security, for high crimes and misdemeanors, by a yeas-and-nay vote of 214 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 43. Earlier, the House agreed to the motion to reconsider by a yeas-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 42. Proceedings began on Tuesday, February 6th. Pursuant to section 2(a) of H. Res. 996, House Resolution 995 is hereby agreed to.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Uyghur Policy Act: H.R. 2766, amended, to support the human rights of Uyghurs and members of other minority groups residing primarily in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region and safeguard their distinct identity;

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Promoting a Resolution to the Tibet-China Conflict Act: H.R. 533, amended, to amend the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002 to modify certain provisions of that Act; and

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Assad Regime Anti-Normalization Act: H.R. 3202, amended, to prohibit any official action to recognize or normalize relations with any Government of Syria that is led by Bashar al-Assad.

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Senate Referrals: S. 709 was held at the desk. S. 1147 was held at the desk. S. Con. Res. 29 was held at the desk.

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Senate Messages: Messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H551.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H571, H572, and H572–73.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

UNLOCKING OUR DOMESTIC LNG POTENTIAL ACT OF 2024

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 7176, the “Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2024”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 9–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 7176, the “Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2024”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 7176, the “Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2024”, under a 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 Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. Finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Duncan and Pallone.

BUSINESS MEETING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a business meeting on granting access to certain intelligence reporting to all Members of the House. This meeting was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled “For the Purpose of Receiving Testimony from The Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Congressional Budget Office’s Budget and Economic Outlook”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Workforce Protections, hearing entitled “Examining

the Policies and Priorities of the Wage and Hour Division”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Support Patients and Caregivers”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, hearing entitled “Powered Up: State Utility Regulators on Challenges to Reliable, Affordable Electricity”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) and the Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence (TFI)”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “AUKUS Implementation and Challenges to International Security and Arms Control in the 21st Century”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia, hearing entitled “Iran’s Proxy in Yemen: The Houthi Threat to Middle East Stability, Global Shipping, and U.S. Servicemembers”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Africa, hearing entitled “The Future of Freedom in Nigeria”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the End Zuckerbucks Act of 2023; H.R. 4500, the “Promoting Free and Fair Elections Act”; H.R. 4251, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study of the effectiveness of the Federal Government in carrying out its responsibilities under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act to promote access to voting for absentee uniformed services voters and an analysis of means for improving access to voter registration and assistance for members of the Armed Forces and their family members, and for other purposes; legislation on the Electronic Filing of Electioneering Communication Reports Act; H.R. 4486, the “Hiring Preference for Veterans and Americans

With Disabilities Act”; and H.R. 4477, the “American Confidence in Elections: District of Columbia Election Integrity and Voter Confidence Act”, 10:15 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance, hearing entitled “Oversight of the United States Marshals Service”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing on H.R. 3119, to provide for the issuance of a Manatee Semipostal Stamp; H.R. 6784, the “ESA Flexibility Act”; H.R. 6854, the “Habitat Enhancement Now Act”; and H.R. 7157, the “Strengthen Wood Product Supply Chains Act”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, Full Committee, hearing on legislation on the Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act, 2 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “ISS and Beyond: The Present and Future of American Low-Earth Orbit Activities”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, markup on the Committee’s Budget Views and Estimates for Fiscal Year 2025, 9:45 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Full Committee, hearing entitled “Burdensome Regulations: Examining the Impact of EPA Regulations on Main Street”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “VA’s HR Office: Did Leaders Ignore and Perpetrate Sexual Harassment?”, 10:15 a.m., 360 Cannon. Part of this hearing will be closed.

Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Is VA Illegally Spending Taxpayer Dollars in its Compensation and Pension Programs?”, 1 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3:30 p.m., Friday, February 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 14

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

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