

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senator Cardin delivered Washington's Farewell Address.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S971–S989*

**Measures Introduced:** Four bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3801–3804, S.J. Res. 62, and S. Res. 565–566. **Pages S984–85**

**Becerra Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Jacqueline Becerra, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

**Pages S976–77, S981–82**

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

By 56 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. EX. 49), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S981–82**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, February 27, 2024; that all post-cloture time be considered expired at 11 a.m.; that at 2:15 p.m., if cloture has been invoked on the nomination of David Seymour Leibowitz, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years, all time be considered expired at 5:45 p.m. **Page S989**

**Sneed Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Julie Simone Sneed, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Page S977**

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 Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years. **Page S977**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S977**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S977**

**Damian Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Melissa Damian, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Page S978**

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 Julie Simone Sneed, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. **Page S978**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S978**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S978**

**Rollinson Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination 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. **Pages S978–81**

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 Melissa Damian, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Page S978**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S978**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S978**

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

Summer K. Mersinger, of South Dakota, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for a term expiring April 13, 2028.

Basil Ivanhoe Gooden, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

**Pages S982, S989**

**Nomination Discharged:** On February 13, 2024, the following nomination was discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Cardell Kenneth Richardson, Sr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of State, which was sent to the Senate on July 26, 2023, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S989**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S983**

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**Executive Communications:** **Pages S983–84**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S985–87**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:** **Pages S987–89**

**Additional Statements:** **Pages S982–83**

**Record Votes:** One record vote was taken today. (Total—49) **Page S982**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S989.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 9 public bills, H.R. 7454–7462; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 1030–1032, were introduced. **Pages H695–96**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H696–97**

**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 5688, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to improve health savings accounts, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–401). **Page H695**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Griffith to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H695**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D129)

H.R. 1568, to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to protect personally identifiable information. Signed on February 9, 2024. (Public Law 118–39)

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

**Committee on Environment and Public Works:** Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight, with the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife, to hold a joint hearing to examine the presence of microplastics in water, 2:30 p.m., SD–406.

**Committee on Foreign Relations:** Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism, to hold hearings to examine Yemen and Red Sea security issues, 2:15 p.m., SD–419.

**Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:** business meeting to consider the nominations of Julie A. Su, of California, to be Secretary of Labor, Moshe Z. Marvit, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, Stephen H. Ravas, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Corporation

for National and Community Service, and other pending calendar business, 12:30 p.m., S-127, Capitol.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the U.S. technology fueling Russia's war in Ukraine, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

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## CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of February 27 through March 1, 2024

### Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Jacqueline Becerra, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11 a.m. Following disposition of the nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of David Seymour Leibowitz, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination of David Seymour Leibowitz, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:15 p.m. Following disposition of the nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Hampton Y. Dellinger, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 5:45 p.m.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* February 28, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Agriculture, 2:30 p.m., SR-328A.

*Committee on Armed Services:* February 28, to hold hearings to examine evolving workforce dynamics and the challenges for defense acquisition and defense industrial base personnel, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

February 28, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine traumatic brain injury and blast exposure care, 3 p.m., SR-222.

February 29, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine United States Strategic Command and United States Space Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

*Committee on the Budget:* February 28, to hold hearings to examine reproductive health care, 10 a.m., SD-608.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* February 28, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel B. Maffei, of New York, and Rebecca F. Dye, of North Carolina, both to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* February 28, to hold hearings to examine the opportunities and challenges associated with developing geologic hydrogen in the United States, 10 a.m., SD-366.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* February 27, Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight, with the Subcommittee on Fisheries, Water, and Wildlife, to hold a joint hearing to examine the presence of microplastics in water, 2:30 p.m., SD-406.

February 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the Water Resources Development Act, focusing on USACE water infrastructure projects, programs and priorities, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* February 27, Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism, to hold hearings to examine Yemen and Red Sea security issues, 2:15 p.m., SD-419.

February 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine Tehran's shadow army, focusing on addressing Iran's proxy network in the Middle East, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* February 27, business meeting to consider the nominations of Julie A. Su, of California, to be Secretary of Labor, Moshe Z. Marvit, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, Stephen H. Ravas, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service, and other pending calendar business, 12:30 p.m., S-127, Capitol.

February 28, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the retirement crisis in America, focusing on expanding defined benefit pension plans for workers, 10 a.m., SD-430.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* February 27, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine the U.S. technology fueling Russia's war in Ukraine, 10 a.m., SD-562.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* February 28, to hold hearings to examine preventing deaths of incarcerated individuals in Federal prisons, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

February 28, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice and Counterterrorism, to hold hearings to examine the nation's correctional staffing crisis, focusing on assessing the toll on correctional officers and incarcerated persons, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

February 29, Full Committee, business meeting to consider the nominations of Ann Marie McIff Allen, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, Susan M. Bazis, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska, Ernest Gonzalez, and Leon Schydlower, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, Kelly Harrison Rankin, to

be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming, Robin Michelle Meriweather, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Almo J. Carter, of the District of Columbia, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission, and Joshua S. Levy, to be United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, Rebecca C. Lutzko, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, and Roy W. Minter, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Georgia, all of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* February 28, to hold hearings to examine honoring America's veterans and their families at VA cemeteries, 3:30 p.m., SR-418.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* February 27, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

February 28, Full Committee, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

*Special Committee on Aging:* February 29, to hold hearings to examine empowering people with disabilities to thrive in careers and the workplace, 10 a.m., SD-106.

### House Committees

*Committee on Armed Services,* February 29, Full Committee, hearing entitled "A Review of Defense Secretary Austin's Unannounced Absence", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* February 29, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Legislative Proposals to Support Patients with Rare Diseases", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Homeland Security,* February 29, Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security, hearing entitled "Port Cybersecurity: The Insidious Threat to U.S. Maritime Ports", 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

February 29, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence, markup on H.R. 7443, to authorize a dedicated transnational repression office within the Department of Homeland Security's Homeland Security Investigations to analyze and monitor transnational repression and related terrorism threats and require Homeland Security Investigations to take actions to prevent transnational repression; H.R. 7433, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to establish a transnational repression hotline and conduct a transnational repression public service announcement campaign, and for other purposes; and H.R. 7439, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prioritize strengthening of State and local law enforcement capabilities to combat transnational repression and related terrorism threats, and for other purposes, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability,* February 29, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation, hearing entitled "Made in China: Is GSA Complying with Purchasing Restrictions?", 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology,* February 29, Subcommittee on Investigation and Oversight, hearing entitled "Examining the Risk: The Dangers of EV Fires for First Responders", 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Tuesday, February 27

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Wednesday, February 28

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## House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Consideration of measures under suspension of the Rules.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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