

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S991–S1018

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills were introduced, as follows: S. 3805–3818 **Pages S1011–12**

Measures Passed:

National Cholesterol Education Month and LDL–C Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 496, designating September 2023 as “National Cholesterol Education Month” and September 30, 2023, as LDL–C Awareness Day, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S1014**

Reuben E. Lawson Federal Building: Senate passed S. 3412, to redesignate the Richard H. Poff Federal Building located at 210 Franklin Road Southwest in Roanoke, Virginia, as the “Reuben E. Lawson Federal Building”. **Page S1015**

Irene M. Keeley United States Courthouse: Senate passed S. 3570, to designate the United States courthouse located at 500 West Pike Street in Clarksburg, West Virginia, as the “Irene M. Keeley United States Courthouse”. **Page S1015**

Virginia Smith Federal Building: Senate passed S. 3577, to designate the Federal building located at 300 E. 3rd Street in North Platte, Nebraska, as the “Virginia Smith Federal Building”. **Page S1015**

Sneed and Damian Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Julie Simone Sneed, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida; that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of the Senate of Monday, February 26, 2024, ripen at 11:30 a.m.; that at 2:15 p.m., if cloture has been invoked on the nomination of Julie Simone Sneed, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Melissa Damian, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, all time be considered expired at 5:30 p.m. **Page S1017**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 56 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. EX. 50), Jacqueline Becerra, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Pages S991–96, S1018**

By 64 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. EX. 52), David Seymour Leibowitz, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Pages S997, S1018**

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

By 64 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. EX. 51), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S996–97**

By 49 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 54), Hampton Y. Dellinger, of North Carolina, to be Special Counsel, Office of Special Counsel, for the term of five years. **Pages S998–S1006, S1018**

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

By 51 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 53), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Pages S997–98**

Cara L. Abercrombie, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Page S1007, S1018**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Georgia N. Alexakis, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Matthew L. Gannon, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

Krissa M. Lanham, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Nancy L. Maldonado, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit.

Angela M. Martinez, of Arizona, to be United States District Judge for the District of Arizona.

Sparkle L. Sooknanan, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

David C. Waterman, of Iowa, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa for the term of four years.

- 3 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 3 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.
- 37 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—54)	Pages S996–98, S1006

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:26 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1017.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported 744 military nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

MICROPLASTICS IN WATER

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, concluded a joint hearing to examine the presence of microplastics in water, after receiving testimony from Susanne M. Brander, Oregon State University College of Agricultural Sciences, Newport; Sherri A. Mason, Penn State University, Erie, Pennsylvania; and Brent Alspach, Arcadis, San Diego, California.

YEMEN AND RED SEA SECURITY ISSUES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism concluded a hearing to examine Yemen and Red Sea security issues, after receiving testimony from Timothy A. Lenderking, Special Envoy for Yemen, Department of State; and Daniel B. Shapiro, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for the Middle East, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

RUSSIA'S WAR IN UKRAINE

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine the United States technology fueling Russia's war in Ukraine, after receiving testimony from James Byrne, Royal United Services Institute, and Damien Spleeters, Conflict Armament Research, both of London, United Kingdom; and Elina Ribakova, Kyiv School of Economics, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Julie A. Su, of California, to be Secretary of Labor, and Moshe Z. Marvit, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission.

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

The House was not in session. The House will meet at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 28, 2024**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

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

Committee on Armed Services: 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.

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

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

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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 the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine preventing deaths of incarcerated individuals in Federal prisons, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

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.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: 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: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Wednesday, February 28

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12 noon, Wednesday, February 28

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Julie Simone Sneed, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11:30 a.m.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Julie Simone Sneed, 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 Melissa Damian, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination of Melissa Damian, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 5:30 p.m. Following disposition of the nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on 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.

House Chamber

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



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