

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S1019–S1050*

**Measures Introduced:** Thirteen bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3819–3831, and S. Res. 567–568.

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#### **Measures Passed:**

**Public Schools Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 568, designating the week of February 26 through March 1, 2024, as “Public Schools Week”.

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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 that expands the scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13873 of May 15, 2019 (Securing the Information and Communications Technology and Services Supply Chain), and further addressed with additional measures in Executive Order 14034 of June 9, 2021 (Protecting Americans’ Sensitive Data from Foreign Adversaries); which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. (PM–39) **Page S1042**

**Rollinson Nomination—Agreement:** Senate resumed 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.

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

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 59), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, February 29, 2024; that all time be considered expired at 11:30 a.m.; that following disposition of the nomination of Marjorie A. Rollinson, Senate execute the order of January 31, 2024, with respect to the veto message on S.J. Res. 38, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United

States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Highway Administration relating to “Waiver of Buy America Requirements for Electric Vehicle Chargers”, and Senate immediately vote on passage of the joint resolution, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding; and that following disposition of the veto message on S.J. Res. 38, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Ronald T. Keohane, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

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

By 54 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 56), Julie Simone Sneed, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida.

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

By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 55), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 77 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. EX. 58), Melissa Damian, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

**Pages S1031–37, S1050**

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

By 77 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. EX. 57), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Aprille Joy Ericsson, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

9 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

8 Army nominations in the rank of general.

8 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

39 Army nominations in the rank of general.

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**Executive Communications:**

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—59) **Pages S1024, S1031, S1037**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:08 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 29, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S1047–48.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

### EVOLVING WORKFORCE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine evolving workforce dynamics and the challenges for defense acquisition and defense industrial base personnel, after receiving testimony from Johnny C. Taylor, SHRM; Julie A. Lockwood, Institute for Defense Analyses; and Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Shaping the Future of Work Initiative.

### TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AND BLAST EXPOSURE CARE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine traumatic brain injury and blast exposure care, after receiving testimony from Lester Martinez-Lopez, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Kathy M. Lee, Director, Warfighter Brain Health Policy, both of the Department of Defense; Carlos D. Williams, USN, National Intrepid Center of Excellence; Samantha McBirney, Pardee RAND Graduate School, Ross D. Zafonte, Home Base, and Frank J. Larkin, Lead of National Warrior Call Day Initiative.

### REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine reproductive health care, after receiving testimony from Caitlin Myers, Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont; Leilah Zahedi Spung, Physicians for Reproductive Health, Denver, Colorado; Leslie Ford, American Enterprise Institute, Washington, D.C.; Tamra Call, Obria Medical Clinic of Ames, Ames, Iowa; and Allie Phillips, Clarksville, Tennessee.

## NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### GEOLOGIC HYDROGEN

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the opportunities and challenges associated with developing geologic hydrogen in the United States, after receiving testimony from Evelyn Wang, Director, Advanced Research Projects Agency—Energy, Department of Energy; Geoffrey S. Ellis, Energy Resources Program Lead for Geologic Hydrogen, Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; and Peter Johnson, Koloma, Denver, Colorado.

### WRDA

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Water Resources Development Act, focusing on USACE water infrastructure projects, programs and priorities, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Connor, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Lieutenant General Scott A. Spellmon, Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense.

### TEHRAN'S SHADOW ARMY

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine Tehran's shadow army, focusing on addressing Iran's proxy network in the Middle East, after receiving testimony from Suzanne Maloney, The Brookings Institution, and Brian Hook, former Special Representative for Iran and Senior Advisor to the Secretary of State, both of Washington, D.C.

### RETIREMENT CRISIS IN AMERICA

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the retirement crisis in America, focusing on expanding defined benefit pension plans for workers, after receiving testimony from Sara Schambers, UAW Local 182, Livonia, Michigan; Teresa Ghilarducci, The New School for Social Research, New York, New York; Dan Doonan, National Institute on Retirement Security, and Rachel U. Greszler, The Heritage

Foundation, both of Washington, D.C.; and Eric Stevenson, Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company, Columbus, Ohio.

## FEDERAL PRISONS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine preventing deaths of incarcerated individuals in Federal prisons, after receiving testimony from Michael E. Horowitz, Inspector General, and Colette S. Peters, Director, Federal Bureau of Prisons, both of the Department of Justice.

## CORRECTIONAL STAFFING CRISIS

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice and Counterterrorism concluded a hearing to examine the nation's correctional staffing crisis, focusing on assessing the toll on correctional officers and incarcerated persons, after receiving testimony from John Wetzel, Keystone Restituere Justice Center, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Santia Nance, Sistas in Prison Reform, Richmond, Virginia; Brandy Moore White, Council of Prison Locals 33, Forest City, Arkansas; Stephen Walker, One Voice United, Sac-

ramento, California; and Rafael A. Mangual, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, New York, New York.

## VA CEMETERIES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine honoring America's veterans and their families at VA cemeteries, after receiving testimony from Matthew Quinn, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs; Kelly Ackerman, Montana Department of Military Affairs Veterans Affairs Division Administrator, Helena; William Turner, Kansas Commission on Veterans' Affairs Office Director, Manhattan; and Michael Figlioli, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Washington, D.C.

## 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*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 13 public bills, H.R. 7463–7475; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 1033, were introduced.

**Pages H737–38**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H738–40**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller-Meeks to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:29 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:05 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m.

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

*Atomic Energy Advancement Act:* H.R. 6544, amended, to advance the benefits of nuclear energy by enabling efficient, timely, and predictable licensing, regulation, and deployment of nuclear energy technologies, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 365 yeas to 36 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 55;

**Pages H703–15, H730–31**

*D.C. Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus Revitalization Act:* H.R. 4984, amended, to amend the District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus to the Administrator of General Services and the leasing of the Campus to the District of Columbia for purposes which include commercial and residential development, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 348 yeas to 55 nays, Roll No. 56;

**Pages H715–19, H732–33**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer administrative jurisdiction over the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus to the District of Columbia so that the District of Columbia may use the Campus for purposes including residential and commercial development, and for other purposes.";

**Pages H732–33**

*Service-Disabled Veteran Opportunities in Small Business Act:* H.R. 3511, to amend the Small Business Act to require training on increasing contract awards to small business concerns owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans;

**Pages H719–21**

*DOE and SBA Research Act:* H.R. 4669, amended, to provide for Department of Energy, National

Laboratories, and Small Business Administration joint research and development activities;

Pages H721–22

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To provide for Department of Energy and Small Business Administration joint research and development activities, and for other purposes.”; **Pages H721–22**

***WOSB Certification and Opportunity Expansion Act:*** H.R. 7105, amended, to establish requirements relating to certification of small business concerns owned and controlled by women for certain purposes; **Pages H722–23**

***Small Business Administration Rural Performance Report Act:*** H.R. 5265, amended, to amend the Small Business Act to require a report on the performance of the Office of Rural Affairs, to require a report on the memorandum of understanding between the Small Business Administration and the Department of Agriculture entered into on April 4, 2018; and **Pages H724–25**

***Encouraging Success Act:*** H.R. 6591, amended, to amend section 8(a) of the Small Business Act to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to regularly reassess the asset and net worth thresholds for qualifying as an economically disadvantaged individual. **Pages H725–26**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 6:03 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H730**

**Oath of Office—Third Congressional District of New York:** Representative-elect Thomas R. Suozzi presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a copy of a letter received from Ms. Kristen Zebrowski Stavisky and Mr. Raymond J. Riley, III, Co-Executive Directors, New York State Board of Elections, indicating that, according to the unofficial results for the Special Election held February 13, 2024, the Honorable Thomas R. Suozzi was elected for Representative to Congress for the Third Congressional District of New York. **Page H737**

**Whole Number of the House:** The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from New York, the whole number of the House is 432. **Page H732**

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

***Requiring the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to provide a link to resources for submitting reports on suspected fraud relating to certain COVID-19 loans:*** H.R. 5426, to require

the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to provide a link to resources for submitting reports on suspected fraud relating to certain COVID-19 loans; **Pages H726–27**

***WOSB Integrity Act of 2024:*** H.R. 7128, to establish requirements relating to size standard compliance of small business concerns owned and controlled by women for certain purposes; and **Pages H727–28**

***Native American Entrepreneurial Opportunity Act:*** H.R. 7102, to establish an Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration. **Pages H728–30**

**Authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and agree to H. Con. Res. 89, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. **Page H734**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President transmitting an Executive Order that expands the scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13873 of May 15, 2019 (Securing the Information and Communications Technology and Services Supply Chain), and further addressed with additional measures on Executive Order 14034 of June 9, 2021 (Protecting Americans’ Sensitive Data from Foreign Adversaries)—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–109). **Page H730**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H731 and H733.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

## Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

**Committee on Armed Services:** 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 Judiciary:* 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, Amir H. Ali, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Melissa R. DuBose, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island, Sunil R. Harjani, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Robert J. White, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, Jasmine Hyejung Yoon, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Virginia, 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.

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

## House

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Review of Defense Secretary Austin’s Unannounced Absence”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

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

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 6864, the “HUD Accountability Act of 2023”; H.R. 7280, the “HUD Transparency Act of 2024”; H.R. 5535, the “Insurance Data Protection Act”; H.R. 802, the “Respect State Housing Laws Act”; H.R. 7156, the “Combating Money Laundering in Cyber Crime Act of 2024”; H.R. 7437, the “Fostering the Use of Technology to Uphold Regulatory Effectiveness in Supervision (FUTURES) Act”; H.J. Res. 109, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to “Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 121”; H.R. 7440, the “Financial Services Inno-

vation Act of 2024”; H.R. 7428, the “Earned Wage Access Consumer Protection Act”; H.R. 7462, the “Wildfire Insurance Coverage Study Act of 2023”; H.R. 4206, the “Bank Safety Act of 2023”; and H.R. 4116, the “Systemic Risk Authority Transparency Act”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

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

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 the Judiciary:* Full Committee, markup on Ratification of Subcommittee Assignments; H.R. 4848, the “Censorship Accountability Act”; H.R. 2595, the “Forfeiture Funds Expenditure Transparency Act”; H.R. 7335, the “Transparency in National Security Threats Act”; H.R. 7343, the “Detain and Deport Illegal Aliens Who Assault Cops Act”; H.R. 7334, the “Detain and Deport Illegal Aliens Who Commit Robbery Act”; and H.R. 661, “Sarah’s Law”, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* 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:* Subcommittee on Investigation and Oversight, hearing entitled “Examining the Risk: The Dangers of EV Fires for First Responders”, 10:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee, markup on the Fiscal Year 2025 Views and Estimates of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; H. Con. Res. 83, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the National Peace Officers Memorial Service and the National Honor Guard and Pipe Band Exhibition; and General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
10 a.m., Thursday, February 29

Senate Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** Senate will continue 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, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination, Senate will vote on passage of S.J. Res. 38, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Highway Administration relating to “Waiver of Buy America

Requirements for Electric Vehicle Chargers”, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding.

Following disposition of the veto message, Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Ronald T. Keohane, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Additional roll call votes are expected during Thursday’s session.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Thursday, February 29

House Chamber

**Program for Thursday:** To be announced.

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