

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1095–S2216

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3860–3874, and S. Res. 571–573. **Pages S2212–13**

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached to print and include in the *Congressional Record* at the appropriate place the joint explanatory statement to accompany H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, with the technical and conforming edits made in the copy at the desk, including the removal of a House CPF project and Senate CDS project, both at the request of Members. **Pages S1104–S2207**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, with respect to the situation in Venezuela; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–40) **Pages S2209–10**

Keohane Nomination—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Ronald T. Keohane, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Pages S1097, S1101–04**

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

By 65 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. EX. 68), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S1101**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednes-

day, March 6, 2024; that all time be considered expired at 11:30 a.m.; that at 2:15 p.m., if cloture has been invoked on the nomination of Moshe Z. Marvit, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board, all time be considered expired at 5:45 p.m. **Page S2216**

Noti Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Adrienne Jennings Noti, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. **Pages S1097–S1101**

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 Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board. **Page S1097**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1097**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1097**

Messages from the House: **Page S2210**

Measures Referred: **Page S2210**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Page S2210**

Executive Communications: **Pages S2210–12**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S2213–14**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S2214–16**

Additional Statements: **Pages S2208–09**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—68) **Page S1101**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 7:16 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 6, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2216.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 39 public bills, H.R. 7520–7558; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 93; and H. Res. 1051–1059, were introduced.

Pages H820–21

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H823–25

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6046, to designate Ansarallah as a foreign terrorist organization and impose certain sanctions on Ansarallah, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–404, Part 1);

H.R. 5616, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore lease sales, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–405);

H.R. 7122, to prohibit aid that will benefit Hamas, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–406);

H. Res. 1052, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2799) to make reforms to the capital markets of the United States, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7511) to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to take into custody aliens who have been charged in the United States with theft, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–407); and

H.R. 6268, to direct the Administrator of General Services to identify two Federal agencies to consolidate into the GSA Headquarters Building, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–408). **Pages H819–20**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Tenney to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H783**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:21 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H785**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Pages H785, H807**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:06 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m. **Page H786**

Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members of

the House to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Chavez-DeRemer, Mike Garcia of California, Vicente Gonzalez of Texas, Escobar and Carbajal. **Page H805**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:24 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H805**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: Securing the Cities Improvement Act: H.R. 4403, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to make improvements to the Securing the Cities program; **Pages H786–87**

Improving Travel for Families Act: H.R. 5969, amended, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to revise certain regulations to permit certain children to accompany their parents or legal guardians through Global Entry airport lanes; **Pages H787–88**

DHS Border Services Contracts Review Act: H.R. 4467, amended, to direct the Under Secretary for Management of the Department of Homeland Security to assess contracts for covered services performed by contractor personnel along the United States land border with Mexico; **Pages H789–91**

Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0: H.R. 3391, amended, to extend the Gabriella Miller Kids First Pediatric Research Program at the National Institutes of Health, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of yeas to nays, Roll No. 60; **Pages H792–93, H805–06**

Preventing Maternal Deaths Reauthorization Act: H.R. 3838, amended, to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize Federal support of States in their work to save and sustain the health of mothers during pregnancy, childbirth, and the postpartum period, to eliminate disparities in maternal health outcomes for pregnancy-related and pregnancy-associated deaths, to identify solutions to improve health care quality and health outcomes for mothers, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 382 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 61; **Pages H793–96, H806–07**

9–8–8 Lifeline Cybersecurity Responsibility Act: H.R. 498, amended, to amend title V of the Public

Health Service Act to secure the suicide prevention lifeline from cybersecurity incidents; **Pages H797–98**

Medicaid Primary Care Improvement Act: H.R. 3836, amended, to facilitate direct primary care arrangements under Medicaid; **Pages H798–H800**

DiasporaLink Act: H.R. 3385, amended, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to submit to Congress a report containing an assessment of the value, cost, and feasibility of developing a trans-Atlantic submarine fiber optic cable connecting the contiguous United States, the United States Virgin Islands, Ghana; and **Pages H801–03**

Energy Emergency Leadership Act: H.R. 3277, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act with respect to functions assigned to Assistant Secretaries. **Pages H803–05**

Providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 93, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President. **Page H807**

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

Eradicating Narcotic Drugs and Formulating Effective New Tools to Address National Yearly Losses of life Act: S. 206, to require the Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection to regularly review and update policies and manuals related to inspections at ports of entry; **Pages H788–89**

DHS Biodection Improvement Act: H.R. 6174, to improve the biodection functions of the Department of Homeland Security; **Pages H791–92**

Firefighter Cancer Registry Reauthorization Act: H.R. 3821, to reauthorize the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018; and **Pages H796–97**

Action for Dental Health Act: H.R. 3843, to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize grants to address dental workforce needs. **Pages H800–01**

Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to the situation in Venezuela that was declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015 is to continue in effect beyond March 8, 2024—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–114). **Page H805**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H805–06 and H806.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXPANDING ACCESS TO CAPITAL ACT OF 2023; LAKEN RILEY ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 2799, the “Expanding Access to Capital Act of 2023”; and H.R. 7511, the “Laken Riley Act”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 9–3, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2799, the “Expanding Access to Capital Act of 2023”, and H.R. 7511, the “Laken Riley Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 2799, the “Expanding Access to Capital Act of 2023”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of 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 Financial Services or their respective designees. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report, shall be considered as adopted, and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the report. Each amendment shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides for one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 7511, the “Laken Riley Act”, 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 the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule provides for one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman McHenry, and Representatives Garcia of Texas, Cline, and Nadler.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D175)

H.R. 7463, making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2024. Signed on March 1, 2024. (Public Law 118–40)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: business meeting to consider S. 1274, to permanently exempt payments made from the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Account from sequestration under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine how primary care improves health care efficiency, 9:30 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the National Transportation Safety Board Investigations Report, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine extended producer responsibility policies for consumer packaging, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nomination of Corey Anne Tellez, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine global food security, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: business meeting to resume consideration of S. 3664, to require executive branch employees to report certain royalties, S. 3626, to clarify task and delivery order solicitation and contract requirements, S. 3635, to improve the President's Cup Cybersecurity Competitions, S. 3613, to require Facility Security Committees to respond to security recommendations issued by the Federal Protective Service relating to facility security, S. 3558, to prohibit contracting with certain biotechnology providers, S. 1524, to ensure that whistleblowers, including contractors, are protected from retaliation when a Federal employee orders a reprisal, S. 3654, to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to require the timely appointment of agency transition officials, to ensure adequate performance and oversight of required transition-related preparation, to require new guidance for agencies and possible transition teams, S. 3648, to amend the Post-Katrina Management Reform Act of 2006 to repeal certain obsolete requirements, S. 3139, to ensure that Federal contractors comply with child labor laws, S. 2367, to improve border security through regular assessments and evaluations of the Checkpoint Program Man-

agement Office and effective training of U.S. Border Patrol agents regarding drug seizures, S. 3594, to require Governmentwide source code sharing, S. 3015, to amend title 5, United States Code, to address telework for Federal employees, 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 Rolfin 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”, 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”, and the nominations of Adrienne Jennings Noti, Tanya Monique Jones Bosier, Danny Lam Hoan Nguyen, Kenechukwu Onyemaechi Okocha, Katherine E. Oler, Judith E. Pipe, and Charles J. Willoughby, Jr., each to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, 9:30 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and multiple veterans service organizations: PVA, WWP, NASDVA, MRC, BSF, IAVA, BVA, SWAN, SVA, and AMVETS, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

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

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled “For the Purpose of Receiving Testimony from The Honorable Rostin Behnam, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission”, 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled “Army Aviation Rebalancing and the Path Ahead”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, hearing entitled “Proven Results: Highlighting the Benefits of Charter Schools for Students and Families”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security, markup on legislation on the Pipeline Safety, Modernization, and Expansion Act; legislation to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for clothes washers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes; legislation to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for clothes dryers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes; legislation to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for dishwashers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes; legislation to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes; legislation to prohibit the Secretary of Energy from prescribing or enforcing energy conservation standards for room air conditioners that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials, markup on legislation on the Air Quality Standards Implementation Act of 2024, 2:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Federal Reserve’s Semi-Annual Monetary Policy Report”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance, hearing entitled “A Voice for the Voiceless—CSAM Identification”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Full Committee, markup on 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”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing on H.R. 7408, the “America’s Wildlife Habitat Conservation Act”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled H.R. 6482, the “Enhancing Geothermal Production on Federal Lands Act”; H.R. 7370, the “Geothermal Energy Opportunity Act”; H.R. 7375, to amend

the Mineral Leasing Act to improve the assessment of expression of interest fees, and for other purposes; H.R. 7377, the “Royalty Resiliency Act”; H.R. 7409, the “Harnessing Energy At Thermal Sources Act”; and H.R. 7422, the “Geothermal Cost-Recovery Authority Act of 2024”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled “Advancing Tribal Self-Determination: Examining Bureau of Indian Affairs’ 638 Contracting”, 2:15 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, hearing entitled “Examining the White House’s Role in Pandemic Preparedness and Response”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “Winning in Weather: U.S. Competitiveness in Forecasting and Modeling”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Reducing Mismanagement: GAO Recommendations for Improving the SBA”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Implementation of the Recommendations of the Accountability and Transparency Review and Efforts to Ease Coast Guard Manpower Shortages”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 7513, the “Protecting America’s Seniors’ Access to Care Act”; H.R. 5074, the “Kidney PATIENT Act of 2023”; H.R. 7512, the “Real-Time Benefit Tool Implementation Act”; and the Views and Estimates Letter to the Committee on the Budget, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meeting

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and multiple veterans service organizations: PVA, WWP, NASDVA, MRC, BSF, IAVA, BVA, SWAN, SVA, and AMVETS, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 6 through March 8, 2024

Senate Chamber

On *Wednesday*, Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Ronald T. Keohane, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, post-cloture, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Ronald T. Keohane, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Moshe Z. Marvit, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission. If cloture is

invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:15 p.m.

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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 Armed Services: March 7, to hold hearings to examine the posture of United States Central Command and United States Africa 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, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: March 7, business meeting to consider the nomination of Ron Borzekowski, of Maryland, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the Semi-annual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 9:40 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget: March 6, business meeting to consider S. 1274, to permanently exempt payments made from the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Account from sequestration under the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine how primary care improves health care efficiency, 9:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 6, to hold hearings to examine the National Transportation Safety Board Investigations Report, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 6, to hold hearings to examine extended producer responsibility policies for consumer packaging, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: March 6, business meeting to consider the nomination of Corey Anne Tellez, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 6, to hold hearings to examine global food security, 10 a.m., SD-419.

March 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Margaret L. Taylor, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser, Erik John Woodhouse, of Virginia, to be Head of the Office of Sanctions Coordination, with the rank of Ambassador, Robert William Forden, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, and B. Bix Aliu, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Montenegro, all of the Department of State, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: March 7, to hold hearings to examine the Older Ameri-

cans Act, focusing on supporting efforts to meet the needs of seniors, 11 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 6, business meeting to resume consideration of S. 3664, to require executive branch employees to report certain royalties, S. 3626, to clarify task and delivery order solicitation and contract requirements, S. 3635, to improve the President's Cup Cybersecurity Competitions, S. 3613, to require Facility Security Committees to respond to security recommendations issued by the Federal Protective Service relating to facility security, S. 3558, to prohibit contracting with certain biotechnology providers, S. 1524, to ensure that whistleblowers, including contractors, are protected from retaliation when a Federal employee orders a reprisal, S. 3654, to amend the Presidential Transition Act of 1963 to require the timely appointment of agency transition officials, to ensure adequate performance and oversight of required transition-related preparation, to require new guidance for agencies and possible transition teams, S. 3648, to amend the Post-Katrina Management Reform Act of 2006 to repeal certain obsolete requirements, S. 3139, to ensure that Federal contractors comply with child labor laws, S. 2367, to improve border security through regular assessments and evaluations of the Checkpoint Program Management Office and effective training of U.S. Border Patrol agents regarding drug seizures, S. 3594, to require Governmentwide source code sharing, S. 3015, to amend title 5, United States Code, to address telework for Federal employees, 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 Rolfin 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", 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

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Committee on the Judiciary: March 6, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 7, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1306, to reauthorize the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and the nominations of 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, 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, David O. Barnett, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the District of New Mexico, 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-106.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: March 6, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and multiple veterans service organizations: PVA, WWP, NASDVA, MRC, BSF, IAVA, BVA, SWAN, SVA, and AMVETS, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

March 7, Full Committee, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of Disabled American Veterans, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 6, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services: March 7, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled “Department of Defense Monitoring of COVID-19”, 2:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget: March 7, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Workforce: March 7, Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development, hearing entitled “Divisive, Excessive, Ineffective: The Real Impact of DEI on College Campuses”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: March 7, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Legislation to Protect Americans from the National Security Threats Posed by Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications”, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn. Part of this hearing is closed.

March 7, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 7521, the “Prohibition of Foreign Adversary Controlled Applications Act”; H.R. 7520, the “Protecting Americans’ Data from Foreign Adversaries Act of 2024”, 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: March 7, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy, hearing entitled “Politicized Financial Regulation and its Impact on Consumer Credit and Community Development”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs: March 7, Full Committee, markup on legislation on recommending that the House of Representatives find Antony Blinken, Secretary, U.S. Department of State, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with a subpoena duly issued by the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled “The Agents of Antisemitism in Latin America”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security: March 7, 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; 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, 3 p.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 7, Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government, hearing entitled “Hearing on the Weaponization of the Federal Government”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

March 7, Subcommittee on Immigration, Integrity, Security, and Enforcement, hearing entitled “Presidential Power to Secure the Border”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources: March 7, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 1584, the “Plum Island National Monument Act”; H.R. 1647, the “Salem Maritime National Historical Park Redesignation and Boundary Study Act”; H.R. 3047, the “Apache County and Navajo County Conveyance Act of 2023”; H.R. 3173, the “Northern Nevada Economic Development and

Conservation Act of 2023”; H.R. 6852, the “Holcombe Rucker Park Landmark Act”; and H.R. 7332, the “Utah State Parks Adjustment Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 7, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Monetizing Nature and Locking up Public Land: The Implications of Biden’s Strategy for Natural Capital Accounting”, 10:15 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, March 7, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4552, the “Federal Information Security Modernization Act of 2023”; legislation on the Governmentwide Executive Councils Reform Act; legislation on the GSA Technology Accountability Act; legislation on the Federal AI Governance and Transparency Act; legislation on the Comment Integrity and Management Act of 2024; legislation on the Modernizing Retrospective Regulatory Review Act; legislation on the Special District Grant Accessibility Act; legislation on the D.C. Criminal Reform to Immediately Make Everyone Safer Act; legislation on the D.C. Consumer Vehicle Choice Protection Act; legislation on the Mail Traffic Deaths Reporting Act; H.R. 5301, the “Eliminate Useless Reports Act of 2023”; and postal naming measures, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 7, Subcommittee on Tax, hearing entitled “OECD Pillar 1: Ensuring the Biden Administration Puts Americans First”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, March 7, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Growing Stakes: The Bioeconomy and American National Security”, 9 a.m., HVC-210.

Joint Meeting

Joint Hearing: March 6, Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and multiple veterans service organizations: PVA, WWP, NASDVA, MRC, BSF, IAVA, BVA, SWAN, SVA, and AMVETS, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

March 7, Full Committee, to hold a joint hearing with the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of Disabled American Veterans, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 3 through February 29, 2024

| | Senate | House | Total |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------|
| Days in session | 34 | 28 | .. |
| Time in session | 183 hrs, 57' | 94 hrs, 29' | .. |
| Congressional Record: | | | |
| Pages of proceedings | 1,091 | 775 | .. |
| Extensions of Remarks | .. | 200 | .. |
| Public bills enacted into law | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Private bills enacted into law | .. | .. | .. |
| Bills in conference | .. | .. | .. |
| Measures passed, total | 51 | 79 | 130 |
| Senate bills | 10 | 3 | .. |
| House bills | 4 | 55 | .. |
| Senate joint resolutions | .. | 1 | .. |
| House joint resolutions | .. | 1 | .. |
| Senate concurrent resolutions | 3 | 1 | .. |
| House concurrent resolutions | .. | 3 | .. |
| Simple resolutions | 34 | 15 | .. |
| Measures reported, total | *32 | 63 | 95 |
| Senate bills | 28 | .. | .. |
| House bills | 4 | 55 | .. |
| Senate joint resolutions | .. | .. | .. |
| House joint resolutions | .. | 1 | .. |
| Senate concurrent resolutions | .. | .. | .. |
| House concurrent resolutions | .. | .. | .. |
| Simple resolutions | .. | 7 | .. |
| Special reports | .. | 2 | .. |
| Conference reports | .. | .. | .. |
| Measures pending on calendar | 263 | 30 | .. |
| Measures introduced, total | 369 | 721 | 1,090 |
| Bills | 302 | 599 | .. |
| Joint resolutions | 9 | 9 | .. |
| Concurrent resolutions | 5 | 11 | .. |
| Simple resolutions | 53 | 102 | .. |
| Quorum calls | 2 | 1 | .. |
| Yea-and-nay votes | 67 | 50 | .. |
| Recorded votes | .. | 8 | .. |
| Bills vetoed | 1 | .. | .. |
| Vetoos overridden | .. | .. | .. |

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 9 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 65 reports have been filed in the House.

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 3 through February 29, 2024

| | |
|---|-------|
| Civilian nominees, totaling 239 (including 95 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 30 |
| Unconfirmed | 207 |
| Withdrawn | 2 |
| Other Civilian nominees, totaling 955 (including 745 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 135 |
| Unconfirmed | 820 |
| Air Force nominees, totaling 782 (including 111 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 763 |
| Unconfirmed | 19 |
| Army nominees, totaling 2,099 (including 1,906 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 140 |
| Unconfirmed | 1,959 |
| Navy nominees, totaling 96 (including 7 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 31 |
| Unconfirmed | 65 |
| Marine Corps nominees, totaling 139 (including 6 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 92 |
| Unconfirmed | 47 |
| Space Force nominees, totaling 8 (including 2 nominees carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows: | |
| Confirmed | 6 |
| Unconfirmed | 2 |
| <i>Summary</i> | |
| Total nominees carried over from the First Session | 2,872 |
| Total nominees received this Session | 1,446 |
| Total confirmed | 1,197 |
| Total unconfirmed | 3,119 |
| Total withdrawn | 2 |
| Total returned to the White House | 0 |

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Wednesday, March 6

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Ronald T. Keohane, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense, post-closure, and vote on confirmation thereon at 11:30 a.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Ronald T. Keohane, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Moshe Z. Marvit, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:15 p.m.

Following disposition of the nomination of Moshe Z. Marvit, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board. If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 5:45 p.m.

(Senate will recess following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Moshe Z. Marvit until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Wednesday, March 6

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 2799—Expanding Access to Capital Act (Subject to a Rule).

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