

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2219–S2248

Measures Introduced: Fifteen bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3875–3889, S.J. Res. 63, and S. Res. 574–579. **Pages S2238–39**

Measures Reported:

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. **Page S2238**

Measures Passed:

Airport and Airway Extension Act: Senate passed H.R. 7454, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund. **Pages S2245–46**

Providing for a Joint Session of Congress: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 93, providing for a joint session of Congress to receive a message from the President. **Page S2246**

Burnsville, Minnesota, Law Enforcement and First Responders: Senate agreed to S. Res. 577, recognizing and honoring Burnsville, Minnesota, law enforcement and first responders for their heroic actions. **Page S2243**

Congratulating the Kansas City Chiefs: Senate agreed to S. Res. 578, congratulating the Kansas City Chiefs on their victory in Super Bowl LVIII in the successful 104th season of the National Football League. **Pages S2243–44**

Authorize Testimony and Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 579, to authorize testimony and representation in *United States v. Kenyon*. **Page S2244**

House Messages:

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 4366, making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs,

and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

Pending:

Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Pages S2233–36**

Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Schumer Amendment No. 1618 (to the House Amendment to the Senate amendment), to add an effective date. **Page S2234**

Schumer Amendment No. 1619 (to Amendment No. 1618), to add an effective date. **Page S2234**

Schumer motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 1620, to add an effective date. **Page S2234**

Schumer Amendment No. 1621 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1620), to add an effective date. **Page S2234**

Schumer Amendment No. 1622 (to Amendment No. 1621), to add an effective date. **Page S2234**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, 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 Adrienne Jennings Noti, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. **Pages S2233–36**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session to consider the message of the House on the bill. **Page S2233**

Appointments:

Senate National Security Working Group: The Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 64, adopted March 5, 2013, appointed the following Senators as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 118th Congress: Senators Cornyn (Administrative Co-Chair), Fischer (Co-Chair), Lankford (Co-

Chair), Rubio, Graham, Wicker, Risch, Romney, and Ricketts. **Page S2246**

Escort Committee—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Presiding Officer of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee on the part of the Senate to join with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the United States into the House Chamber for the joint session to be held at 9 p.m., on Thursday, March 7, 2024. **Page S2246**

Noti Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 7, 2024, Senate resume 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; that the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the nomination ripen at 11:45 a.m.; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, and notwithstanding Rule XXII, Senate execute the order of February 29, 2024, with respect to S. 3853, to extend the period for filing claims under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act and to provide for compensation under such Act for claims relating to Manhattan Project waste, and to improve compensation for workers involved in uranium mining, and that Senate vote on passage of the bill at 2:15 p.m.; and that upon disposition of S. 3853, all time on the nomination of Adrienne Jennings Noti be considered expired. **Page S2246**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. EX. 69), Ronald T. Keohane, of New York, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Pages S2219–22**

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 71), Moshe Z. Marvit, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission for a term of six years expiring August 30, 2028. **Pages S2223–25**

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

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 70), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2222**

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 73), Cathy Ann Harris, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the Merit Systems Protection Board. **Pages S2225–33**

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

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 72), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S2225**

Messages from the House: **Page S2237**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S2245**
Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—73) **Pages S2220, S2225, S2233**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:44 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 7, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2246 and S2248.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Budget: Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

PRIMARY CARE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine how primary care improves health care efficiency, after receiving testimony from Christopher F. Koller, Milbank Memorial Fund, New York, New York; Amol S. Navathe, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine and The Wharton School, Philadelphia; Bob Rauner, Partnership for a Healthy Nebraska, Lincoln, on behalf of the American Academy of Family Physicians; Lisa M. Grabert, Marquette University College of Nursing, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Christina Taylor, Clover Health, Des Moines, Iowa.

NTSB INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the National Transportation Safety Board Investigations Report, after receiving testimony from Jennifer Homendy, Chair, National Transportation Safety Board.

CONSUMER PACKAGING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine extended producer responsibility policies for consumer packaging, after receiving testimony from Erin Simon, World Wildlife Fund, Washington, D.C.; H. Fisk Johnson, S. C. Johnson and Son, Inc., Racine, Wisconsin; and Dan Felton, AMERIPEN, Springfield, Massachusetts.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Corey Anne Tellez, of Illinois, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of the Treasury.

GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine global food security, after receiving testimony from Dina Esposito, Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Resilience, Environment, and Food Security, United States Agency for International Development; and Cary Fowler, Special Envoy for Global Food Security, Department of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3664, to require executive branch employees to report certain royalties, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3558, to prohibit contracting with certain biotechnology providers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1524, to ensure that whistleblowers, including contractors, are protected from retaliation when a Federal employee orders a reprisal, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 3139, to ensure that Federal contractors comply with child labor laws, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Sanket Jayshukh Balsara, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, who was introduced by Senator Schumer, Dena M. Coggins, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, and Eric C. Schulte, and Camela C. Theeler, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota, who were both introduced by Senators Thune and Rounds, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

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: 17 public bills, H.R. 7559–7575; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 116–117; H. Con. Res. 94; and H. Res. 1060–1064, were introduced. **Pages H998–99**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1000–01**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6317, to require the Administrator of the General Services Administration to submit a report describing a process for seeking public comment about proposed changes to mandatory design standards for public buildings, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–409);

H.R. 6260, to provide for certain reviews of the use and safety of Federal buildings, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–410);

H.R. 6261, to direct the Comptroller General to conduct a review on the impact of crime on public building usage, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–411, Part 1); and

H.R. 6264, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the maximum stipend amounts provided under Upward Bound projects (H. Rept. 118–412). **Page H998**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ezell to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H827**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H833**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:51 p.m. and reconvened at 3:31 p.m. **Page H969**

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

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024: H. Res. 1061, providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4366, with an amendment, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 339 yeas to 85 nays, Roll No. 64. **Pages H842–H969**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, March 5th.

Firefighter Cancer Registry Reauthorization Act: H.R. 3821, to reauthorize the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2018, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 7 nays, Roll No. 65. **Pages H971–72**

Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 4366: The House agreed H. Con. Res. 94, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 4366. **Page H972**

Expanding Access to Capital Act: The House considered H.R. 2799, to make reforms to the capital markets of the United States. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, March 7th.

Pages H834–42, H969–70

Pursuant to the Rule, 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 H. Rept. 118–407, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.

Pages H972–88

Proceedings Postponed:

Lawler amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–407) that seeks to clarify the definition of “general solicitation” and “angel investor” for purposes of the federal securities laws to ensure that startups can discuss their products and business plans at certain events, known as “demo days”;

Pages H981–82

Huizenga amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–407) that seeks to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to promulgate rules with respect to the electronic delivery of certain required disclosures to investors; **Pages H982–84**

Lucas amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–407) that seeks to amend Federal securities laws to allow 403(b) plans to invest in collective investment trusts (CITs) and insurance contracts that currently may be invested in by comparable retirement plans, such as 401(k)s; **Pages H984–86**

Wagner amendment (No. 4 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–407) that seeks to allow a closed-end investment company, an entity that invests in securi-

ties using money raised in its initial public offering, to invest its assets in securities issued by private funds; and **Pages H986–87**

Sherman amendment (No. 5 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–407) that seeks to allow an individual to invest not more than 5 percent of the net worth of the individual excluding the individual’s primary residence in any one private offering. **Pages H987–88**

H. Res. 1052, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2799) and (H.R. 7511) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 63, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 215 yeas to 205 nays, Roll No. 62. **Pages H969–70**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H970, H970–71, H971, and H972.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING TESTIMONY FROM THE HONORABLE ROSTIN BEHNAH, CHAIRMAN, COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “For the Purpose of Receiving Testimony from The Honorable Rostin Behnam, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission”. Testimony was heard from Rostin Behnam, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ARMY AVIATION REBALANCING AND THE PATH AHEAD

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled “Army Aviation Rebalancing and the Path Ahead”. Testimony was heard from Douglas R. Bush, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology, Department of the Army; General James E Rainey, Commanding General, U.S. Army Futures Command; Major General Michael McCurry, Commanding General, U.S. Army Aviation Center of Excellence and Fort Novosel; and Brigadier General David Phillips, Program Executive Officer, Program Executive Office Aviation.

PROVEN RESULTS: HIGHLIGHTING THE BENEFITS OF CHARTER SCHOOLS FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Proven Results:

Highlighting the Benefits of Charter Schools for Students and Families". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security held a 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. Legislation on the Pipeline Safety, Modernization, and Expansion Act was ordered reported, as amended. 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; 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 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 clothes dryers that are not cost-effective or technologically feasible, and for other purposes; and 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 were forwarded to the full committee without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials

held a markup on legislation on the Air Quality Standards Implementation Act of 2024. Legislation on the Air Quality Standards Implementation Act of 2024 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

THE FEDERAL RESERVE'S SEMI-ANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Federal Reserve's Semi-Annual Monetary Policy Report". Testimony was heard from Jerome H. Powell, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS—CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL IDENTIFICATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance held a hearing entitled "A Voice for the Voiceless—CSAM Identification". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 7343, the "Detain and Deport Illegal Aliens Who Assault Cops Act"; and H.R. 7334, the "Detain and Deport Illegal Aliens Who Commit Robbery Act". H.R. 7334 and H.R. 7343 were ordered reported, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a hearing on H.R. 7408, the "America's Wildlife Habitat Conservation Act". Testimony was heard from Chairman Westerman; Matthew Strickler, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior; Austin Booth, Director, Game and Fish Commission, Arkansas; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on 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". Testimony was heard from Representatives Ocasio-Cortez, Hagedorn, Fulcher, Hunt, and Curtis; Benjamin E. Grubery, Deputy Assistant Director, Energy, Minerals, and

Realty, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

ADVANCING TRIBAL SELF-DETERMINATION: EXAMINING BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS' 638 CONTRACTING

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled “Advancing Tribal Self-Determination: Examining Bureau of Indian Affairs’ 638 Contracting”. Testimony was heard from Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE WHITE HOUSE'S ROLE IN PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic held a hearing entitled “Examining the White House’s Role in Pandemic Preparedness and Response”. Testimony was heard from Major General Paul Friedrichs, M.D. (Retired), Director, Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response Policy.

WINNING IN WEATHER: U.S. COMPETITIVENESS IN FORECASTING AND MODELING

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Environment held a hearing entitled “Winning in Weather: U.S. Competitiveness in Forecasting and Modeling”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REDUCING MISMANAGEMENT: GAO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING THE SBA

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Reducing Mismanagement: GAO Recommendations for Improving the SBA”. Testimony was heard from Courtney LaFountain, Acting Director, Financial Markets and Community Investments, Government Accountability Office; and Johana Ayers, Managing Director, Forensic Audits, and Investigative Services, Government Accountability Office.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY REVIEW AND EFFORTS TO EASE COAST GUARD MANPOWER SHORTAGES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing entitled “Implementation of the Recommendations of the Accountability and Transparency Review and Efforts to Ease Coast Guard Manpower Shortages”. Testimony was heard

from Heather MacLeod, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and Vice Admiral Paul F. Thomas, Deputy Commandant for Mission Support, U.S. Coast Guard.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a 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. H.R. 7513, H.R. 5074, and H.R. 7512 were ordered reported, as amended. The Views and Estimates Letter to the Committee on the Budget was adopted, as amended.

Joint Meetings

LEGISLATIVE PRESENTATIONS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs concluded 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, including PVA, WWP, NASDVA, MRC, BSF, IAVA, BVA, SWAN, SVA, and AMVETS, after receiving testimony from Duane Sarmiento, Ryan Gallucci, Patrick Murray, Michael Figlioli, and Stanley Borusiewicz, all of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; Robert Thomas, Paralyzed Veterans of America; Lieutenant General Michael S. Linnington (Ret.), Wounded Warrior Project; Dennis Wimer, National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs; Jim Whaley, Mission Roll Call; Kathy Roth-Douquet, Blue Star Families; Allison Jaslow, Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America; Paul L. Mimms, Blinded Veterans Association; Lorry M. Fenner, Service Women’s Action Network; Jared Lyon, Student Veterans of America; and Bill Clark, AMVETS.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: 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: 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 Foreign Relations: 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: to hold hearings to examine the Older Americans Act, focusing on supporting efforts to meet the needs of seniors, 11 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: 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: 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.

House

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

Committee on the Budget: 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: 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: 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.

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

Committee on Financial Services: 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: 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.

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

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

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

Committee on Natural Resources: 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.

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: Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4552, to improve the cybersecurity of the Federal Government, and for other purposes;

H.R. 5301, to amend title 31, United States Code, to require agencies to include a list of outdated or duplicative reporting requirements in annual budget justifications, and for other purposes; H.R. 7528, to amend section 206 of the E-Government Act of 2002 to improve the integrity and management of mass comments and computer-generated comments in the regulatory review process, and for other purposes; H.R. 7530, to limit youth offender status in the District of Columbia to individuals 18 years of age or younger, to direct the Attorney General of the District of Columbia to establish and operate a publicly accessible website containing updated statistics on juvenile crime in the District of Columbia, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to prohibit the Council of the District of Columbia from enacting changes to existing criminal liability sentences, and for other purposes; H.R. 7526, to repeal the final rule adopted by the District of Columbia Department of Energy and Environment relating to “Adoption of California Vehicle Emission Standards”; H.R. 7523, to establish the Office of Executive Councils, and for other purposes; H.R. 7527, to direct the United States Postal Service to issue regulations requiring Postal Service employees and contractors to report to the Postal Service traffic crashes involving vehicles carrying mail that result in injury or death, and for other purposes; H.R. 7525, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance to agencies requiring special districts to be recognized as local government for the purpose of Federal financial assistance determinations; H.R. 1555, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Sylvan Avenue in Modesto, California, as the “Corporal Michael D. Anderson Jr. Post Office Building”; H.R. 3354, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 220 North Hatcher Avenue in Purcellville, Virginia, as the “Secretary of State Madeleine Albright Post Office Building”; H.R. 5867, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 109 Live Oaks Boulevard in Casselberry, Florida, as the “Colonel Joseph William Kittinger II Post Office Build-

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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 Disabled American Veterans, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
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Program for Thursday: Senate will resume 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, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 11:45 a.m.

Senate will begin consideration of S. 3853, Radiation Exposure Compensation Reauthorization Act, and after a period of debate, vote on passage of the bill at 2:15 p.m.

Following disposition of S. 3853, if cloture has been invoked, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Adrienne Jennings Noti.

At 8:20 p.m., Senators will gather in the Senate Chamber and proceed as a body to the Hall of the House for a joint session to receive an address from the President of the United States.

(The filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the House Message to accompany H.R. 4366, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024, is at 1 p.m.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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