

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2423–S2447

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3966–3981, and S. Res. 591–597. **Pages S2438–39**

Measures Passed:

AmeriCorps: Senate agreed to S. Res. 595, recognizing the contributions of AmeriCorps members and alumni and AmeriCorps Seniors volunteers in the lives of the people and communities of the United States. **Page S2446**

Girl Scouts 112th Birthday: Senate agreed to S. Res. 596, recognizing Girl Scouts of the United States of America on its 112th birthday and celebrating its legacy of providing girls with a secure, inclusive space where they can explore their world, build meaningful relationships, and have access to experiences that prepare them for a life of leadership. **Page S2446**

Recognizing American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Women: Senate agreed to S. Res. 597, recognizing the heritage, culture, and contributions of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian women in the United States. **Page S2446**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Budget of the United States Government for Fiscal Year 2025; referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; which was referred to the Committees on Appropriations; and the Budget. (PM–44) **Pages S2437–38**

Kiel and Lee Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, Senate resume consideration of the nomination

of Edward Sunyol Kiel, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey; that the motions to invoke cloture with respect to the nominations of Edward Sunyol Kiel, and Eumi K. Lee, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, ripen at 12 noon; and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Edward Sunyol Kiel, all time be considered expired at 2:15 p.m., and that if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Eumi K. Lee, all time be considered expired at 5:15 p.m. **Pages S2446–47**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. EX. 94), Nicole G. Berner, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fourth Circuit. **Pages S2423–33, S2447**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

3 Army nominations in the rank of general.
Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy. **Page S2447**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S2439–41**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S2441–46**

Additional Statements: **Pages S2436–37**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—94) **Page S2433**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:39 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2446–47.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 24 public bills, H.R. 7710–7733; and 10 resolutions, H. Res. 1086–1095, were introduced. **Pages H1233–34**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1235–37**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6185, to require coordination among Federal agencies on regulatory actions that affect the reliable operation of the bulk-power system (H. Rept. 118–427); and

H. Res. 1085, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1023) to repeal section 134 of the Clean Air Act, relating to the greenhouse gas reduction fund; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1121) to prohibit a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6009) to require the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw the proposed rule relating to fluid mineral leases and leasing process, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 86) expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy; providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 987) denouncing the harmful, anti-American energy policies of the Biden administration, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7023) to amend section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to codify certain regulatory provisions relating to nationwide permits for dredged or fill material, and for other purposes.

Pages H1232–33

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative D’Esposito to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1191**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:10 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H1192**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:11 p.m. and reconvened at 3:30 p.m. **Page H1193**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:57 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H1220**

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

Embassy Construction Integrity Act: H.R. 6306, amended, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to prohibit the acquisition or lease of a consular or diplomatic post built or owned by an entity beneficially owned by the People’s Republic of China; **Pages H1194–95**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Secretary of State to avoid or minimize the acquisition or lease of a consular or diplomatic post built or owned by an entity owned or controlled by the Government of the People’s Republic of China, and for other purposes.”; **Pages H1194–95**

Upholding the Dayton Peace Agreement Through Sanctions Act: H.R. 4723, amended, to provide for the imposition of sanctions with respect to foreign persons undermining the Dayton Peace Agreement or threatening the security of Bosnia and Herzegovina, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 365 yeas to 30 nays, Roll No. 87; **Pages H1195–98, H1220–21**

Passport System Reform and Backlog Prevention Act: H.R. 6610, amended, to provide for the modernization of the passport issuance process;

Pages H1198–H1201

Condemning the illegal abduction of children from Ukraine to the Russian Federation: H. Res. 149, amended, condemning the illegal abduction of children from Ukraine to the Russian Federation, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 390 yeas to nays, Roll No. 88; **Pages H1201–03, H1221–22**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Condemning the illegal abduction and forcible transfer of children from Ukraine to the Russian Federation.”; **Pages H1221–22**

Amending the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 relating to the review of the interagency dispute resolution process: H.R. 6602, amended, to amend the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 relating to the review of the interagency dispute resolution process; **Pages H1203–04**

Dr. Michael C. Burgess Preventive Health Savings Act: H.R. 766, amended, to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 respecting the scoring of preventive health savings; **Pages H1204–09**

Federal Oversight of Construction Use and Safety Act: H.R. 6260, amended, to provide for certain reviews of the use and safety of Federal buildings; and **Pages H1209–11**

Impact of Crime on Public Building Usage Act: H.R. 6261, to direct the Comptroller General to conduct a review on the impact of crime on public building usage. **Pages H1211–13**

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

Ocean Shipping Reform Implementation Act: H.R. 1836, amended, to amend title 46, United States Code, to make technical corrections with respect to ocean shipping authorities; and

Pages H1213–16

Protecting Americans' Data from Foreign Adversaries Act: H.R. 7520, amended, to prohibit data brokers from transferring sensitive data of United States individuals to foreign adversaries.

Pages H1216–19

Presidential Message: Received a message from the President transmitting the Budget Message for FY 2025—referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–96).

Pages H1193, H1219–20

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1220–21 and H1221–22.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TO REPEAL SECTION 134 OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT, RELATING TO THE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND [CUTTING GREEN CORRUPTION AND TAXES ACT]; PROTECTING AMERICAN ENERGY PRODUCTION ACT; RESTORING AMERICAN ENERGY DOMINANCE ACT; NATIONWIDE PERMITTING IMPROVEMENT ACT [CREATING CONFIDENCE IN CLEAN WATER PERMITTING ACT]; EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF CONGRESS THAT A CARBON TAX WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE UNITED STATES ECONOMY; DENOUNCING THE HARMFUL, ANTI-AMERICAN ENERGY POLICIES OF THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1023, to repeal section 134 of the Clean Air Act, relating to the greenhouse gas reduction fund [Cutting Green Corruption and Taxes Act]; H.R. 1121, the “Protecting American Energy Production Act”; H.R. 6009, the “Restoring American Energy Dominance Act”; H.R. 7023, the “Nationwide Permitting Improvement Act” [Creating Confidence in Clean Water Permitting Act]; H. Con. Res. 86, expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy; and H. Res. 987, denouncing the harmful, anti-American energy policies of the Biden administration, and for other purposes. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 1023, the “Cutting Green Cor-

ruption and Taxes Act”, H.R. 1121, the “Protecting American Energy Production Act”, H.R. 6009, the “Restoring American Energy Dominance Act”, H. Con. Res. 86, Expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy, H. Res. 987, Denouncing the harmful, anti-American energy policies of the Biden administration, and for other purposes, and H.R. 7023, the “Creating Confidence in Clean Water Permitting Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 1023, the “Cutting Green Corruption and Taxes Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–26 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 provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 1121, the “Protecting American Energy Production 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 Natural Resources or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 6009, the “Restoring American Energy Dominance Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill 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 provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H. Con. Res. 86, Expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the concurrent resolution. The rule provides that the concurrent resolution shall be considered as

read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the concurrent resolution. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees. The rule further provides for consideration of H. Res. 987, Denouncing the harmful, anti-American energy policies of the Biden administration, and for other purposes, under a closed rule. The rule provides that upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider H. Res. 987. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 7023, the “Creating Confidence in Clean Water Permitting Act”, 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 Transportation and Infrastructure or their respective designees. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–25 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 amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each amendment may be offered 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. All points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report are waived. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Representatives Duncan, Tonko, Stauber, Dingell, Rouzer, Larsen of Washington, Miller of West Virginia, and Graves of Louisiana.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D247)

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. Signed on March 18, 2024. (Public Law 118–43)

S. 1858, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to establish a deadline for applying for disaster unemployment assistance. Signed on March 18, 2024. (Public Law 118–44)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the final report of the Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform Commission, 9:30 a.m., SH–216.

Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine an update on the state of the Department of Defense acquisition system, 2 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the nature of climate costs, 10 a.m., SD–608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security, to hold hearings to examine promoting a safe environment in U.S. athletics, 2:30 p.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine PFAS as hazardous substances, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Social Security Administration, 2:30 p.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: business meeting to consider the nominations of Margaret L. Taylor, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser, Robert William Forden, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, Erik John Woodhouse, of Virginia, to be Head of the Office of Sanctions Coordination, with the rank of Ambassador, and Michael Sfraga, of Alaska, to be Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs, all of the Department of State, and other pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., S–116, Capitol.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine reforming Federal records management to improve transparency and accountability, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight, to hold hearings to examine strengthening international cooperation to stop the flow of fentanyl into the United States, 2:30 p.m., SD–342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: to hold hearings to examine public safety and justice resources in Native communities, 2:30 p.m., SD–628.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nancy L. Maldonado, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Georgia N. Alexakis, to be United States District Judge

for the Northern District of Illinois, Krissa M. Lanham, and Angela M. Martinez, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, and Sparkle L. Sooknanan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine post *Dobbs* America and reproductive freedoms, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Small Business Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

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

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine keeping our promise to older adults and people with disabilities, focusing on the status of Social Security today, 10 a.m., SD-562.

House

Committee on Agriculture, March 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled "The Danger China Poses to American Agriculture", 11:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, March 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Energy, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled "Quality of Life in the Military", 10:30 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, March 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled "U.S. Military Posture and National Security Challenges in the Indo-Pacific Region", 11:15 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations, hearing entitled "U.S. Special Operations Forces and Command—Challenges and Resource Priorities for Fiscal Year 2025", 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Workforce, March 20, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, March 20, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 7655, the "Pipeline Safety, Modernization, and Expansion Act of 2024"; H.R. 7673, the "Liberty in Laundry Act"; H.R. 7645, the "Clothes Dryers Reliability Act"; H.R. 7637, the "Refrigerator Freedom Act"; H.R. 7626, the "Affordable Air Conditioning Act"; H.R. 7700, the "Stop Unaffordable Dishwasher Standards Act"; H.R. 7650, the "Air Quality Standards Implementation Act of 2024"; H.R. 619, the "NAPA Reauthorization Act"; H.R. 620, the "Alzheimer's Accountability and Investment Act"; H.R. 7218, the "Building Our Largest Dementia Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Act of 2024"; H.R. 4581, the "Maternal

and Child Health Stillbirth Prevention Act of 2024"; H.R. 2706, the "Charlotte Woodward Organ Transplant Discrimination Prevention Act"; H.R. 4646, the "SIREN Reauthorization Act"; H.R. 6160, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a lifespan respite care program; H.R. 6960, the "Emergency Medical Services for Children Reauthorization Act of 2024"; H.R. 7153, the "Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Reauthorization Act"; H.R. 7251, the "Poison Control Centers Reauthorization Act of 2024"; H.R. 7224, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training Program; H.R. 7208, the "Dennis John Beningo Traumatic Brain Injury Program Reauthorization Act of 2024"; H.R. 6829, the "Cardiomyopathy Health Education, Awareness, and Research, and AED Training in the Schools Act of 2024"; H.R. 7189, the "Congenital Heart Futures Reauthorization Act of 2024"; H.R. 7406, the "DeOndra Dixon INCLUDE Project Act of 2024"; H.R. 3916, the "SCREENS for Cancer Act of 2024"; H.R. 5074, the "Kidney PATIENT Act"; H.R. 2864, the "Countering CCP Drones Act"; H.R. 820, the "Foreign Adversary Communications Transparency Act"; H.R. 1513, the "Future Uses of Technology Upholding Reliable and Enhancing Networks Act"; and H.R. 7589, the "Removing Our Unsecure Technologies to Ensure Reliability and Security Act", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 20, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, hearing entitled "SEC Overreach: Examining the Need for Reform", 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

March 20, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled "The Characteristics and Challenges of Today's Homebuyers", 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, March 20, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia, hearing entitled "Pakistan After the Elections: Examining the Future of Democracy in Pakistan and the U.S.-Pakistan Relationship", 10:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 20, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 6727, to establish the United States Foundation for International Conservation to promote long-term management of protected and conserved areas, and for other purposes; H.R. 7256, to require a full review of the bilateral relationship between the United States and South Africa; H.R. 7701, to require the imposition of sanctions with respect to any foreign person that knowingly participates in the construction, maintenance, or repair of a tunnel or bridge that connects the Russian mainland with the Crimean peninsula; H. Res. 901, expressing support for democracy and human rights in Pakistan; H.R. 3334, to provide for the imposition of sanctions on members of the National Communist Party Congress of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; H. Res. 1084, condemning the killing of Alexei Navalny and calling for the release of all political prisoners in the Russian Federation; H.R. 5245, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 to require certain congressional notification prior to entering into, renewing, or extending a science and technology agreement with the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; H.R. 6831, to reauthorize the Venezuela Emergency Relief, Democracy Assistance,

and Development Act of 2019, and for other purposes; and H.R. 7710, to authorize and encourage the United States Agency for International Development to pursue a model of locally led development and humanitarian response and expand engagement with local partners and increase its local partner base, 12 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, March 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Current Status of Iran’s Axis of Resistance and the Implications for Homeland Security and U.S. Interests”, 10 a.m., HVC-210. Part of this hearing is closed.

March 20, Subcommittee on Emergency Management and Technology, hearing entitled “Securing our Nation from WMDs: A Review of the Department of Homeland Security’s Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, March 20, Subcommittee on Modernization, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Support Modernizing the Congressional Research Service and the Use of Federal Data”, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 20, Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust, hearing entitled “Reining in the Administrative State: Agency Adjudication and Other Agency Action”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, March 20, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 5015, the “Seedlings for Sustainable Habitat Restoration Act of 2023”; H.R. 5499, the “Congressional Oversight of the Antiquities Act”; H.R. 6085, to prohibit the implementation of the Draft Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for the Rock Springs RMP Revision, Wyoming; H.R. 6209, the “Sloan Canyon Conservation and Lateral Pipeline Act”; H.R. 6547, the “Colorado Energy Prosperity Act”; and H.R. 7006, to prohibit natural asset companies from entering into any agreement with respect to land in the State of Utah or natural assets on or in such land, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 20, Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled “Advancing Tribal Self-Determination: Examining the Opportunities and Challenges of the 477 Program”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

March 20, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled “Assessing Domestic Offshore Energy Reserves and Ensuring U.S. Energy Dominance”, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, March 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Influence Peddling: Examining Joe Biden’s Abuse of Public Office”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, March 20, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 272, the “ASTRO Act”; H.R. 6219, the “ASCEND Act”; H.R. 7687, the “NASA Streamlining Partnerships”; H.R. 4152, the “Space Resources Institute Act”; H.R. 7630, the “ANCHOR Act”; H.R. 7686, the “Malign Foreign Talent Recruitment Program Definition Clarification”; H.R. 7073, the “Next Generation Pipelines R&D Act”; and H.R. 7685, the “IMPACT Act”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, March 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Conducting Oversight: Testimony from the Small Business Administrator”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, March 20, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 7659, the “Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2024”; H.R. 6140, the “Facilitating Access to Swiftly Transport Goods during a Publicly Announced State of Emergency Situation Act”; and General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, March 20, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 6656, the “Stuck on Hold Act”; H.R. 7323, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disapprove courses of education offered by a public institution of higher learning that does not charge the in-State tuition rate to a veteran using certain educational assistance under title 10 of such Code; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for a limitation on the amount of entitlement to educational assistance payable for flight training under the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the restoration of entitlement of individuals entitled to educational assistance under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs who use such entitlement to pursue a course or program of education at an educational institution found to have violated certain prohibitions on advertising, sales, and enrollment practices, and for other purposes; legislation to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to make improvements to certain programs for a member nearing separation, or for a veteran who recently separated, from the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; H.R. 6225, the “Expanding Home Loans for Guard and Reservists Act”; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the use of Department of Veterans Affairs work-study allowance to carry out casework, policy making, and oversight related to the activities of the Department at certain congressional offices; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to update certain terminology regarding veteran employment; and legislation on the Fair Access to Co-ops for Veterans Act of 2024, 10:30 a.m., 360 Cannon.

March 20, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled “Lost in Translation: How VA’s Disability Claims and Appeals Letters Should be Simplified”, 1 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, March 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled “President’s Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request with Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD
Week of March 20 through March 22, 2024**Senate Chamber**

On Wednesday, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Edward Sunyol Kiel, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 12 noon.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:15 p.m. Following disposition of the nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Eumi K. Lee, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 5:15 p.m.

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

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Armed Services: March 20, to hold hearings to examine the final report of the Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform Commission, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

March 20, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine an update on the state of the Department of Defense acquisition system, 2 p.m., SR-222.

March 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the posture of United States Indo-Pacific Command and United States Forces Korea in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Budget: March 20, to hold hearings to examine the nature of climate costs, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: March 20, Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security, to hold hearings to examine promoting a safe environment in U.S. athletics, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

March 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine spectrum and national security, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: March 21, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of David Rosner, of Massachusetts, Lindsay S. See, of West Virginia, and Judy W. Chang, of Massachusetts, each to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: March 20, to hold hearings to examine PFAS as hazardous substances, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: March 20, to hold hearings to examine President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Social Security Administration, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

March 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: March 20, business meeting to consider the nominations of Margaret L. Taylor, of Maryland, to be Legal Adviser, Robert William Forden, of California, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Cambodia, Erik John Woodhouse, of Virginia, to be Head of the Office of Sanctions Coordination, with the rank of Ambassador, and Michael Sfraga, of Alaska, to be Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs, all of the Department of State, and other pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

March 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., S-116, Capitol.

March 21, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine implementation of the U.S. anti-corruption strategy, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: March 20, to hold hearings to examine reforming Federal records management to improve transparency and accountability, 10 a.m., SD-342.

March 20, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight, to hold hearings to examine strengthening international cooperation to stop the flow of fentanyl into the United States, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Committee on Indian Affairs: March 20, to hold hearings to examine public safety and justice resources in Native communities, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: March 20, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nancy L. Maldonado, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Georgia N. Alexakis, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Krissa M. Lanham, and Angela M. Martinez, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, and Sparkle L. Sooknanan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-226.

March 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine post *Dobbs* America and reproductive freedoms, 2:30 p.m., SD-G50.

March 21, Full Committee, business meeting to consider S. 1306, to reauthorize the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and the nominations of Sanket Jayshukh Bulsara, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Dena M. Coggins, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Eric C. Schulte, and Camela C. Theeler, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota, and David O. Barnett, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the District of New Mexico, and Clinton J. Fuchs, to be United States Marshal for the District of Maryland, both of the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: March 20, to hold an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Small Business Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

Select Committee on Intelligence: March 20, to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: March 20, to hold hearings to examine keeping our promise to older adults and people with disabilities, focusing on the status of Social Security today, 10 a.m., SD-562.

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Committee on Armed Services, March 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled “U.S. Military Posture and National Security Challenges in the Greater Middle East and Africa”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “FY25 Strategic Forces Posture”, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

March 22, Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation, hearing entitled “The Technology and AI Fight for 21st Century Operations in the Department of Defense”, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, March 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The President’s Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Workforce, March 21, Full Committee, markup on H.J. Res. 116, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Labor relating to “Employee or Independent Contractor Classification Under the Fair Labor Standards Act”; H.R. 6418, the “Empower Charter School Educators to Lead Act”; H.R. 3724, the “Accreditation for College Excellence Act of 2023”; and H.R. 7683, the “Respecting the First Amendment on Campus Act”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

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March 21, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation, hearing entitled “Timeout: Evaluating Safety Measures Implemented to Protect Athletes”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, March 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Importing Global Governance: Examining the Dangers of Ceding Authority Over American Financial Regulation”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, March 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Countering China on the World Stage: Empowering American Businesses and Denying Chinese Military Our Technology”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Oversight and Accountability, hearing entitled “Assessing State Department Compliance with Oversight”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

March 21, Subcommittee on Indo-Pacific, hearing entitled “Commerce as Statecraft: Better Leveraging U.S. Business to Advance our Economic and National Security Goals in the Indo-Pacific”, 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, March 21, Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement; and Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Accountability, joint hearing entitled “Examining CBP One: Functions, Features, Expansion, and Risks”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, March 21, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Safety on Capitol Hill: DC Crime’s Impact on Congressional Operations and Visitors”, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, March 21, Full Committee, markup on legislation on the One Agency Act; H.R. 7198, the “Prove It Act of 2024”; H.R. 5082, the “Revising Existing Procedures on Reporting via Technology Act”; H.R. 7187, the “Protection of Women in Olympic and Amateurs Sports Act”; H.R. 1631, the “Protecting and Enhancing Public Access to Codes Act”; H.R. 661, “Sarah’s Law”; and H.R. 3591, the “Asylum Accountability Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

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Committee on Ways and Means, March 21, Subcommittee on Social Security; and Subcommittee on Work and Welfare, joint hearing entitled “Hearing with the Commissioner of Social Security, Martin O’Malley”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Wednesday, March 20

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Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Edward Sunyol Kiel, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 12 noon.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2:15 p.m. Following disposition of the nomination, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Eumi K. Lee, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 5:15 p.m.

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

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Wednesday, March 20

House Chamber

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