

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2449–S2480

Measures Introduced: Twenty-seven bills and eight resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3982–4008, and S. Res. 598–605. **Pages S2468–69**

Measures Passed:

National Debt: Senate agreed to S. Res. 600, recognizing the national debt as a threat to national security. **Pages S2459–60**

Recognizing the Role of Direct Support Professionals Act: Senate passed S. 1332, to require the Office of Management and Budget to consider revising the Standard Occupational Classification system to establish a separate code for direct support professionals, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the committee reported title amendment. **Pages S2477–78**

HELP Response and Recovery Act: Senate passed S. 3648, to amend the Post-Katrina Management Reform Act of 2006 to repeal certain obsolete requirements, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2478**

Health Workforce Well-Being Day of Awareness: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 567, recognizing the seriousness of widespread health care worker burnout in the United States and the need to strengthen health workforce well-being, and expressing support for the designation of March 18, 2024, as the inaugural “Health Workforce Well-Being Day of Awareness”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2478**

100th Anniversary of the National League of Cities: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 583, recognizing the 100th anniversary of the National League of Cities and the support it provides to municipalities across the United States, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2478**

Honoring Sergeant Rose Ida Lubin: Senate agreed to S. Res. 601, honoring the life, bravery, and memory of Sergeant Rose Ida Lubin. **Page S2478**

National Osceola Turkey Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 602, designating March 16, 2024, as “National Osceola Turkey Day”. **Page S2478**

National Native Plant Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 603, designating April 2024 as “National Native Plant Month”. **Page S2478**

National Women in Agriculture Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 604, designating March 21, 2024 as “National Women in Agriculture Day”. **Page S2478**

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research 75th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 605, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research and its critical role in improving the dental, oral, and craniofacial health of the United States through research, training, and the dissemination of health information. **Page S2478**

Rodriguez and Schydlower Nominations, and S.J. Res. 62—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, March 21, 2024, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Jose Javier Rodriguez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor; that at 11:30 a.m., the motion to proceed to the vote by which cloture was not agreed to on the nomination be agreed to; the motion to reconsider the failed cloture vote be agreed to; and Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination, upon reconsideration; that if cloture is invoked on the nomination, all time be considered expired at 2 p.m.; that following the vote on confirmation of the nomination, Senate resume legislative session for the consideration of S.J. Res. 62, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service relating to “Importation of Fresh Beef From Paraguay”; that the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution be agreed to and Senate immediately vote on passage of the joint resolution; and that upon disposition of the joint resolution, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of

Leon Schydlower, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 96), Edward Sunyol Kiel, of New Jersey, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Jersey.

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

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 95), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 98), Eumi K. Lee, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

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

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 97), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Messages from the House:

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Additional Statements:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—98) **Pages S2456–57, S2460–61**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:59 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S2478–79.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

PLANNING, PROGRAMMING, BUDGETING, AND EXECUTION REFORM COMMISSION REPORT

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the final report of the Planning,

Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform Commission, after receiving testimony from Robert F. Hale, Chair, Ellen M. Lord, Vice Chair, and Lara C. Sayer, Executive Director, all of the Commission on Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform.

DEFENSE ACQUISITION SYSTEM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support concluded a hearing to examine an update on the state of the Department of Defense acquisition system, after receiving testimony from Peter K. Levine, Institute for Defense Analyses; Moshe Schwartz, National Defense Industrial Association; and William C. Greenwalt, American Enterprise Institute.

CLIMATE COSTS

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nature of climate costs, after receiving testimony from Theresa McKenney, NEMO Equipment, Inc., Dover, New Hampshire; Joao Gomes, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School, Philadelphia; Scott Walter, Capital Research Center, Washington, D.C.; Hilary Hutcheson, Columbia Falls, Montana; and Gus Schumacher, Anchorage, Alaska.

U.S. ATHLETICS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Consumer Protection, Product Safety, and Data Security concluded a hearing to examine promoting a safe environment in United States athletics, after receiving testimony from Ju'Riese Colon, U.S. Center for SafeSport, Denver, Colorado; Dionne Koller, Commission on the State of U.S. Olympics and Paralympics, Baltimore, Maryland; Grace French, The Army of Survivors, Lansing, Michigan; and Pat Kelleher, USA Hockey, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

PFAS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine PFAS as hazardous substances, after receiving testimony from Kate R. Bowers, Legislative Attorney, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; James C. Kenney, New Mexico Environment Department Cabinet Secretary, Santa Fe; Scott Faber, Environmental Working Group, Washington, D.C.; Michael Witt, Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission, Newark, New Jersey; and Robert D. Fox, Solid Waste Association of North America, and the National Waste Recycling Association, Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

SOCIAL SECURITY BUDGET

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Social Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Martin O'Malley, Commissioner, Social Security Administration.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported 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.

REFORMING FEDERAL RECORDS MANAGEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reforming Federal records management to improve transparency and accountability, after receiving testimony from Anne L. Weismann, George Washington University Law School, Bethesda, Maryland; and Gary Ruskin, U.S. Right to Know, Oakland, California.

FENTANYL

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight concluded a hearing to examine strengthening international cooperation to stop the flow of fentanyl into the United States, after receiving testimony from Vanda Felbab-Brown, The Brookings Institution, Celina B. Realuyo, National Defense University William J. Perry Center for Hemispheric Defense Studies, and Christopher J. Urben, Nardello and Co., all of Washington, D.C.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND JUSTICE RESOURCES IN NATIVE COMMUNITIES

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee received a briefing on public safety and justice resources in Native communities from public witnesses.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing 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, who were introduced by Senator Sinema, and Sparkle L. Sooknanan, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOMS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine post *Dobbs* America and reproductive freedoms, after receiving testimony from Representative Fischbach; Senator Duckworth; O. Carter Snead, and Monique C. Wubbenhorst, both of the University of Notre Dame de Nicola Center for Ethics and Culture, South Bend, Indiana; Lourdes A. Rivera, Pregnancy Justice, New York, New York; Jamie Heard, Birmingham, Alabama; and Austin Dennard, Dallas, Texas.

SBA BUDGET

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Small Business Administration, including S. 673, to allow nonprofit child care providers to participate in certain loan programs of the Small Business Administration, and S. 3971, to amend the Small Business Act to require reporting on additional information with respect to small business concerns owned and controlled by women, qualified HUBZone small business concerns, and small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans, after receiving testimony from Isabella Guzman, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

SOCIAL SECURITY

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine keeping our promise to older adults and people with disabilities, focusing on the status of Social Security today, after receiving testimony from Martin O'Malley, Commissioner, Social Security Administration.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 31 public bills, H.R. 7734–7764; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 1096–1099, were introduced. **Pages H1294–96**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H1297–98**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Molinaro to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1239**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H1247**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H1246**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:41 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. **Page H1253**

Protecting American Energy Production Act: The House passed H.R. 1121, to prohibit a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing, by a yea-and-nay vote of 229 yeas to 188 nays, Roll No. 93. **Pages H1255–64, H1270–72**

Rejected the Lewis (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources, by a yea-and-nay vote of 202 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 92. **Pages H1255–64, H1270–71**

H. Res. 1085, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 1023), (H.R. 1121), (H.R. 6009), (H.R. 7023), the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 86), and the resolution (H. Res. 987) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 200 noes, Roll No. 90, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 207 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 89. **Pages H1247–53, H1253–54**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, March 19th.

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, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 414 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 91. **Pages H1254–55**

Restoring American Energy Dominance Act: The House passed 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 216 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 95. **Pages H1264–70, H1272–73**

Rejected the Porter motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Natural Resources, by a yea-and-nay vote of 204 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 94. **Page H1272**

Pursuant to the Rule, 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. **Page H1264**

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure—Communication: Read a letter from Chairman Graves wherein he transmitted copies of two resolutions included in the General Services Administration's Capital Investment and Leasing Programs. The resolutions were adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on March 20, 2024. **Pages H1282–93**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Six yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1253–54, H1254, H1255, H1270–71, H1271–72, H1272, and H1272–73.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings

THE DANGER CHINA POSES TO AMERICAN AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "The Danger China Poses to American Agriculture". Testimony was heard from Kristi Noem, Governor, South Dakota; Chairman Gallagher and Representative Krishnamoorthi; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Jennifer M. Granholm, Secretary, Department of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Health and Human Services. Testimony was heard from Xavier Becerra, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE MILITARY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Quality of Life in the Military”. Testimony was heard from Chief Master Sergeant John F. Bentivenga, Chief Master Sergeant of the Space Force, U.S. Space Force; Chief Master Sergeant David A. Flosi, Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, U.S. Air Force; Master Chief Petty Officer James M. Honea, Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, U.S. Department of the Navy; Sergeant Major Carlos A. Ruiz, Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, U.S. Marine Corps; and Sergeant Major Michael R. Weimer, Sergeant Major of the Army, Department of Army.

U.S. MILITARY POSTURE AND NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE INDO-PACIFIC REGION

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Military Posture and National Security Challenges in the Indo-Pacific Region”. Testimony was heard from Ely Ratner, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs, Department of Defense; Admiral John Aquilino, Commander, U.S. Indo-Pacific Command; and General Paul LaCamera, Commander, United Nations Command, ROK/US Combined Forces Command, and U.S. Forces Korea.

U.S. SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES AND COMMAND—CHALLENGES AND RESOURCE PRIORITIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations held a hearing entitled “U.S. Special Operations Forces and Command—Challenges and Resource Priorities for Fiscal Year 2025”. Testimony was heard from Christopher P. Maier, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low-Intensity Conflict (SOLIC), Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense; and General Bryan P. Fenton, U.S. Army, Commander, U.S. Special Operations Command, Department of Defense.

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation”. Testimony was heard from Gordon Hartogensis, Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 2864, the “Countering CCP Drones Act”; H.R. 820, the “Foreign Adversary Communications Transparency Act”; H.R. 619, the “NAPA Reauthorization Act”; 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. 7251, the “Poison Control Centers Reauthorization Act of 2024”; 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 ED 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. 7655, the “Pipeline Safety, Modernization, and Expansion Act of 2024”; H.R. 1513, the “FUTURE Networks Act”; H.R. 7589, the “ROUTERS 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. 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. 7224, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Stop, Observe, Ask, and Respond to Health and Wellness Training Program; 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”; and H.R. 7650, the “Air Quality Standards Implementation Act of 2024”. H.R. 2864, H.R. 820, H.R. 619, H.R. 4581, H.R. 2706, H.R. 4646, H.R. 6160, H.R. 7251, H.R. 7208, H.R. 6829, H.R. 7189, H.R. 7406, H.R. 3916, H.R. 5074, and H.R. 7655 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R.

1513, H.R. 7589, H.R. 620, H.R. 7218, H.R. 6960, H.R. 7153, H.R. 7224, H.R. 7673, H.R. 7645, H.R. 7637, H.R. 7626, H.R. 7700, H.R. 7650 were ordered reported, without amendment.

SEC OVERREACH: EXAMINING THE NEED FOR REFORM

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets held a hearing entitled “SEC Overreach: Examining the Need for Reform”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE CHARACTERISTICS AND CHALLENGES OF TODAY'S HOMEBUYERS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “The Characteristics and Challenges of Today's Homebuyers”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PAKISTAN AFTER THE ELECTIONS: EXAMINING THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY IN PAKISTAN AND THE U.S.-PAKISTAN RELATIONSHIP

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia held a hearing entitled “Pakistan After the Elections: Examining the Future of Democracy in Pakistan and the U.S.-Pakistan Relationship”. Testimony was heard from Donald Lu, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau for South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee began a 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.

EXAMINING THE CURRENT STATUS OF IRAN'S AXIS OF RESISTANCE AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR HOMELAND SECURITY AND U.S. INTERESTS

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Current Status of Iran's Axis of Resistance and the Implications for Homeland Security and U.S. Interests”. Testimony was heard from James Dunlap, Deputy Under Secretary for Analysis, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; Robert R. Wells, Assistant Director, Counterterrorism Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; Carrie Thompson, Chief of Intelligence, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice; and Elizabeth Richard, Ambassador-at-Large, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Bureau of Counterterrorism, Department of State. Part of this hearing was closed.

SECURING OUR NATION FROM WMDS: A REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY'S COUNTERING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION OFFICE

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Management and Technology held a hearing entitled “Securing our Nation from WMDs: A Review of the Department of Homeland Security's Counteracting Weapons of Mass Destruction Office”. Testimony was heard from Mary Ellen Callahan, Assistant Secretary, Counteracting Weapons of Mass Destruction Office, Department of Homeland Security; Tina Won Sherman, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; and Herbert Wolfe, Acting Chief Medical Officer and Acting Director, Office of Health Security, Department of Homeland Security.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO SUPPORT MODERNIZING THE CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE AND THE USE OF FEDERAL DATA

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Modernization held a hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Support Modernizing the Congressional Research Service and the Use of Federal Data”. Testimony was heard from Robert Randolph Newlen,

Interim Director, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress.

REINING IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE STATE: AGENCY ADJUDICATION AND OTHER AGENCY ACTION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust held a hearing entitled “Reining in the Administrative State: Agency Adjudication and Other Agency Action”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a 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. Testimony was heard from Representatives Boebert, Hagedorn, Titus, Miller-Meeks, and Leger Fernandez; Nada Wolff Culver, Principal Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Chris French, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Eric Bingham, Land Use Director, Sweetwater County, Wyoming; Greg Poschman, Commissioner, Board of County Commissioners, Pitkin County, Colorado; and public witnesses.

ADVANCING TRIBAL SELF-DETERMINATION: EXAMINING THE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES OF THE 477 PROGRAM

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled “Advancing Tribal Self-Determination: Examining the Opportunities and Challenges of the 477 Program”. Testimony was heard from Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

ASSESSING DOMESTIC OFFSHORE ENERGY RESERVES AND ENSURING U.S. ENERGY DOMINANCE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Assessing Domestic Offshore Energy Reserves and Ensuring U.S. Energy Dominance”. Testimony was

heard from Walter Cruickshank, Deputy Director, U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

INFLUENCE PEDDLING: EXAMINING JOE BIDEN'S ABUSE OF PUBLIC OFFICE

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Influence Peddling: Examining Joe Biden’s Abuse of Public Office”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Full Committee held a 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”. H.R. 272, H.R. 7687, and H.R. 7630 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 6219, H.R. 4152, H.R. 7686, H.R. 7073, and H.R. 7685 were ordered reported, as amended.

CONDUCTING OVERSIGHT: TESTIMONY FROM THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Conducting Oversight: Testimony from the Small Business Administrator”. Testimony was heard from Isabella Casillas Guzman, Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a 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 two General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions. H.R. 7659 and H.R. 6140 were ordered reported, as amended. Two General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions were adopted.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a 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. Testimony was heard from Melissa Cohen, Executive Director of Outreach, Transition, and Economic Development, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; James Rodriguez, Assistant Secretary for Veterans’ Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

LOST IN TRANSLATION: HOW VA’S DISABILITY CLAIMS AND APPEALS LETTERS SHOULD BE SIMPLIFIED

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing entitled “Lost in Translation: How VA’s Disability Claims and Appeals Letters Should be Simplified”. Testimony was heard from Beth Murphy, Executive Director, Compensation Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

PRESIDENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET REQUEST WITH HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARY XAVIER BECERRA

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “President’s Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request with Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra”. Testimony was heard from Xavier Becerra, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: 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 Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine spectrum and national security, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: 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 Finance: to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine implementation of the U.S. anti-corruption strategy, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies: budget hearing on the Department of Agriculture, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, hearing entitled “President Biden’s Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request and Economic Outlook”, 2:30 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

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

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

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

Committee on Education and Workforce, 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.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Evaluating Approaches to Diagnostic Test Regulation and the Impact of the FDA’s Proposed Rule”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

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, 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, Full Committee, continue 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, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

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

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

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, 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, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Safety on Capitol Hill: DC Crime’s Im-

pact on Congressional Operations and Visitors”, 10:30 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 7737, 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.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing on H.R. 1395, the “Delaware River Basin Conservation Reauthorization Act of 2023”; H.R. 5487, the “Help Our Kelp Act”; H.R. 6814, the “Marine Fisheries Habitat Protection Act”; and H.R. 7020, the “Great Lakes Mapping Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation, hearing entitled “White House Overreach on AI”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, hearing entitled “Assessing America’s Vaccine Safety Systems, Part 2”, 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled “Accountable Assistance: Reviewing Controls to Prevent Mismanagement of Foreign Aid”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, hearing entitled “Advancing Scientific Discovery: Assessing the Status of NASA’s Science Mission Directorate”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “Rural Transportation Challenges: Stakeholder Perspectives”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing on: Toxic Exposure Fund Improvement Act of 2024”, 10:30 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 3584, the “Veterans Care Act”; H.R. 3644, the “Act for Veterans Act”; H.R. 3649, the “Veterans National Traumatic Brain Injury Treatment Act”; H.R. 4424, the “Vietnam Veterans Liver Fluke Cancer Study Act”; H.R. 5530, the “VA Emergency Transportation Access Act”; H.R. 6324, the “FY24 VA Major Medical Facility Authorization Act”; H.R. 6373, the “Veterans STAND Act”; H.R. 7347, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to report on whether the Secretary will include certain psychedelic drugs in the formulary of the Department of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3225, the “BUILD for Veterans Act”; H.R. 5794, the “VA Peer Review Neutrality Act”; H.R. 3303, the “Maternal Health for Veterans Act”; and H.R. 5247, the “Expedited Hiring for VA Trained Psychiatrists Act of 2023”, 2 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on H.R. 6452, the “Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Act”; H.R. 6531, the “TRAIN VA Employees Act”; H.R. 6538, the “VA Correct Compensation Act”; H.R.

6874, the “VA WEB Act”; H.R. 6947, the “Veterans Affairs Centennial and Heritage Act”; H.R. 7342, the “Veterans Accessibility Advisory Committee Act”; legislation on the VA Security Screening Pilot Program Act; legislation on the Required Notation of Investigation in Personnel Record File Act; and legislation on the Report-

ing Performance Plans for VA Political Appointees Act, 4:30 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, 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., Thursday, March 21

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
10 a.m., Thursday, March 21

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Jose Javier Rodriguez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon, upon reconsideration, at 11:30 a.m.

If cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation thereon at 2 p.m. Following disposition of the nomination, Senate will vote on passage of S.J. Res. 62, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service relating to “Importation of Fresh Beef From Paraguay”.

Following disposition of the joint resolution, Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Leon Schydlower, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

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