

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2481–S2554*

**Measures Introduced:** Forty-two bills and eleven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4009–4050, S.J. Res. 66, and S. Res. 606–615.

**Pages S2514–15**

#### Measures Passed:

**Importation of Fresh Beef From Paraguay:** By 70 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 101), Senate passed 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”.

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution.

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**Hydroelectric Projects on the Red River:** Senate passed S. 4050, to extend the deadline to commence construction of certain hydroelectric projects on the Red River.

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**National Inland Waterways Workers Safety Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 611, expressing support for the designation of March 22, 2024, as “National Inland Waterways Workers Safety Awareness Day” and supporting the goals and ideals of “National Inland Waterways Workers Safety Awareness Day”.

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**Maine Maple Sunday:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 612, recognizing the importance of maple syrup production to the State of Maine and designating March 24, 2024, as “Maine Maple Sunday”.

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**National Work Zone Awareness Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 613, supporting the designation of the week of April 15 through April 19, 2024, as “National Work Zone Awareness Week”.

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**Authorizing Testimony, Documents, and Representation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 614, to authorize testimony, documents, and representation in *United States v. Miller*.

**Pages S2520–21**

**Gold Star Wives Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 615, designating April 5, 2024, as “Gold Star Wives Day”.

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the Economic Report of the President together with the annual report of the Council of Economic Advisors; which was referred to the Joint Economic Committee. (PM–45)

**Pages S2511–12**

**Schydlower Nomination:** Senate began 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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**Gonzalez Nomination—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11 a.m., on Friday, March 22, 2024, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Ernest Gonzalez, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, and vote on confirmation thereon at 12 noon.

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**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 50 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 100), Jose Javier Rodriguez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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

Pursuant to the order of March 20, 2024, the motion to proceed to the motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on November 28, 2023, was agreed to.

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By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 99), Senate upon reconsideration agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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

Michael Louis Sulmeyer, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

Felix R. Sanchez, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting for a term expiring January 31, 2028.

Christopher T. Hanson, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2029.

Daryle Williams, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2030.

Rahkel Bouchet, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

John Cuong Truong, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Rebecca L. Pennell, of Washington, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington.

Kevin Gafford Ritz, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Detra Shaw-Wilder, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida.

Jeannette A. Vargas, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

Brian Edward Murphy, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts.

Bobby Jack Woods, of Kentucky, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky for the term of four years.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Space Force. **Page S2554**

**Messages from the House:** **Page S2512**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S2552**

**Record Votes:** Three record votes were taken today. (Total—101) **Pages S2489, S2496, S2497**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:16 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Friday, March 22, 2024. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2554.)

## Committee Meetings

*(Committees not listed did not meet)*

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Melissa Griffin Dalton, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, Department of Defense, and 1,995 nominations in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

### USINDOPACOM AND USFK

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed 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, after receiving testimony from Admiral John C. Aquilino, USN, Commander, United States Indo-Pacific Command, and General Paul J. LaCamera, USA, Commander, United Nations Command, Commander, United States-Republic of Korea Combined Forces Command, Commander, United States Forces Korea, both of the Department of Defense.

### SPECTRUM AND NATIONAL SECURITY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine spectrum and national security, after receiving testimony from Monisha Ghosh, University of Notre Dame Department of Electrical Engineering, South Bend, Indiana; Mary L. Brown, WifiForward, Annapolis, Maryland; Clete D. Johnson, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Rabun Gap, Georgia; Diane Rinaldo, Open RAN Policy Coalition, Edgewater, Maryland; and Harold Furchtgott-Roth, Hudson Institute, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED BUDGET**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025, after receiving testimony from Janet L. Yellen, Secretary of the Treasury.

**U.S. ANTI-CORRUPTION STRATEGY**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine implementation of the United

States anti-corruption strategy, after receiving testimony from Richard M. Nephew, Coordinator on Global Anti-Corruption, Department of State; and Shannon Green, Assistant to the Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance, Agency for International Development.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 26 public bills, H.R. 7765–7790; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 119; and H. Res. 1100–1101, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1792, to amend the South Pacific Tuna Act of 1988, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–429); and

H.R. 1829, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–430).

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 11:13 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m.

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**Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy—Appointment:** The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Member on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Representative Suozzi.

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**Denouncing the harmful, anti-American energy policies of the Biden administration:** The House agreed to H. Res. 987, denouncing the harmful, anti-American energy policies of the Biden administration, by a yea-and-nay vote of 217 yeas to 200 nays, Roll No. 96.

**Pages H1314–1321**

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 yesterday, March 20th.

**Expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 86, expressing the sense of Congress that a carbon tax would be detrimental to the United States economy, by a yea-and-nay vote of 222 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 97.

**Pages H1309–14, H1321**

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

**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, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 393 yeas to 24 nays, Roll No. 98.

**Pages H1321–22**

**Creating Confidence in Clean Water Permitting Act:** The House passed 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, by a recorded vote of 213 yeas to 205 noes, Roll No. 101.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide regulatory and judicial certainty for regulated entities and communities, increase transparency, and promote water quality, and for other purposes."

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Rejected the Scholten motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, by a yea-and-nay vote of 205 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 100.

**Pages H1338–39**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–25 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure now printed in the bill. **Pages H1331–32**

Agreed to:

Bergman amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 118–428) that clarifies that no part of the act affects the existing ban on oil and gas drilling in the Great Lakes; **Pages H1332–33**

Garamendi amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 118–428) that inserts Rep. Garamendi's bipartisan H.R. 1181 to allow USEPA and states with delegated authority under the Clean Water Act to issue National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for public works (e.g., wastewater treatment or water recycling/reuse plants owned/operated by local governments) for up to 10 years from the current maximum of 5-year permit terms; **Pages H1333–34**

Houlahan amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 118–428) that requires a report from EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers on the staffing needs for processing and issuing permits under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the impact additional funding for full-time employees would have on processing timelines for permits; **Page H1334**

James amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 118–428) that ensures nothing in this act, including amendments, should affect the EPA's ability to research PFAS chemicals; **Pages H1334–35**

Moolenaar amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 118–428) that prohibits permits from being issued for any discharge from a source that is owned or operated by companies—or the subsidiaries of said companies—that are under the jurisdiction of China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia; and **Pages H1335–36**

Bean (FL) amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 118–428) that codifies Florida's Clean Water Act Section 404 Program and the Programmatic Biological Opinion with Incidental Take Statement, as referenced in 85 Federal Register 83,553 (December 22, 2020). **Pages H1336–37**

Rejected:

Graves (LA) amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 118–428) that sought to limit the authorization for certain linear infrastructure projects if federal expenses turn out to exceed their predicted cost (by a recorded vote of 99 ayes to 323 noes, Roll No. 99). **Pages H1337–38**

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 yesterday, March 20th.

**Presidential Message:** Received a message from the President transmitting the Economic Report of the President Together with the Annual Report of the Council of Economic Advisers—referred to the Joint Economic Committee and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–95). **Page H1314**

**Senate Referrals:** S. 1332 was held at the desk. S. 3648 was held at the desk. **Page HH1307**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1307.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1320–21, H1321, H1321–22, H1338, H1339 and H1339–40.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Thomas Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

### PRESIDENT BIDEN'S FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET REQUEST AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing entitled "President Biden's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request and Economic Outlook". Testimony was heard from Janet Yellen, Secretary, Department of the Treasury; Shalanda Young, Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President of the United States; and Jared Bernstein, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers, Executive Office of the President of the United States.

### U.S. MILITARY POSTURE AND NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE GREATER MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "U.S. Military Posture and National Security Challenges in the Greater Middle East and Africa". Testimony was heard from the following Department of Defense officials: Celeste Wallander, Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs; General Michael Kurilla, U.S. Army, Commander, U.S. Central Command; and General

Michael Langley, U.S. Marine Corps, Commander, U.S. Africa Command.

#### **FY25 STRATEGIC FORCES POSTURE**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing entitled “FY25 Strategic Forces Posture”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Defense officials: John Plumb, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy; General Anthony Cotton, U.S. Air Force, Commander, U.S. Strategic Command; General Stephen Whiting, U.S. Space Force, Commander, U.S. Space Command; and General Gregory M. Guillot, U.S. Air Force, Commander, U.S. Northern Command, North American Aerospace Defense Command.

#### **THE PRESIDENT’S FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET REQUEST**

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee, hearing entitled “The President’s Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from Shalanda D. Young, Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President of the United States.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Full Committee held a 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”. H.R. 3724, H.R. 6418, and H.R. 7683 were ordered reported, as amended. H.J. Res. 116 was ordered reported, without amendment.

#### **EVALUATING APPROACHES TO DIAGNOSTIC TEST REGULATION AND THE IMPACT OF THE FDA’S PROPOSED RULE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Evaluating Approaches to Diagnostic Test Regulation and the Impact of the FDA’s Proposed Rule”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **TIMEOUT: EVALUATING SAFETY MEASURES IMPLEMENTED TO PROTECT ATHLETES**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigation held a hearing entitled “Timeout: Evaluating Safety Measures Implemented

to Protect Athletes”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **IMPORTING GLOBAL GOVERNANCE: EXAMINING THE DANGERS OF CEDING AUTHORITY OVER AMERICAN FINANCIAL REGULATION**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Importing Global Governance: Examining the Dangers of Ceding Authority Over American Financial Regulation”. Testimony was heard from Michael Gibson, Director of Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Ryan Billingsley, Deputy Director of Capital Markets and Accounting Policy, Division of Risk Management Supervision, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Grovetta Gardineer, Senior Deputy Comptroller for Bank Supervision Policy, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee concluded 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. H.R. 6727, H.R. 7701, H.R. 6831, and H.R. 7710 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 7256, H.R. 3334, H.R. 5245, H.

Res. 1084, and H. Res. 901 were ordered reported, as amended.

**COUNTERING CHINA ON THE WORLD STAGE: EMPOWERING AMERICAN BUSINESSES AND DENYING CHINESE MILITARY OUR TECHNOLOGY**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Countering China on the World Stage: Empowering American Businesses and Denying Chinese Military Our Technology”. Testimony was heard from Alan Estevez, Under Secretary of the Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce; and Jose W. Fernandez, Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, Department of State.

**ASSESSING STATE DEPARTMENT COMPLIANCE WITH OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Accountability held a hearing entitled “Assessing State Department Compliance with Oversight”. Testimony was heard from Richard R. Verma, Deputy Secretary for Management and Resources, Department of State; and Naz Durakoglu, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State.

**COMMERCE AS STATECRAFT: BETTER LEVERAGING U.S. BUSINESS TO ADVANCE OUR ECONOMIC AND NATIONAL SECURITY GOALS IN THE INDO-PACIFIC**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Indo-Pacific held a hearing entitled “Commerce as Statecraft: Better Leveraging U.S. Business to Advance our Economic and National Security Goals in the Indo-Pacific”. Testimony was heard from Kin Moy, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; Matt Murray, Senior Official for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation, Department of State; and Pamela Phan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asia, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**EXAMINING CBP ONE: FUNCTIONS, FEATURES, EXPANSION, AND RISKS**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement; and Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Accountability held a joint hearing entitled “Examining CBP One: Functions, Features, Expansion, and Risks”. Testimony was heard from Adam Hunter, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Immigration Policy, Office of Strategy, Policy, and Plans, Department of Homeland Security; Diane J. Sabatino, Acting Executive Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, U.S. Customs

and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Tammy Meckley, Associate Director, Immigration Records and Identity Services Directorate, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security; and Marta Youth, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, Department of State.

**SAFETY ON CAPITOL HILL: DC CRIME’S IMPACT ON CONGRESSIONAL OPERATIONS AND VISITORS**

*Committee on House Administration:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Safety on Capitol Hill: DC Crime’s Impact on Congressional Operations and Visitors”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Manger, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a markup on 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. 7198, the “Prove It Act of 2024”; and H.R. 661, “Sarah’s Law”. H.R. 5082, H.R. 7187, H.R. 7198, and H.R. 661 were ordered reported, as amended.

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a 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”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Graves of Louisiana, Huffman, Fitzpatrick, and McClain; Clay Porch, Director, Southeast Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; and public witnesses.

**WHITE HOUSE OVERREACH ON AI**

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation held a hearing entitled “White House Overreach on AI”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**ACCOUNTABLE ASSISTANCE: REVIEWING CONTROLS TO PREVENT MISMANAGEMENT OF FOREIGN AID**

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled “Accountable

Assistance: Reviewing Controls to Prevent Mismanagement of Foreign Aid”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **ASSESSING AMERICA’S VACCINE SAFETY SYSTEMS, PART 2**

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic held a hearing entitled “Assessing America’s Vaccine Safety Systems, Part 2”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **ADVANCING SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY: ASSESSING THE STATUS OF NASA’S SCIENCE MISSION DIRECTORATE**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing entitled “Advancing Scientific Discovery: Assessing the Status of NASA’s Science Mission Directorate”. Testimony was heard from Nicola Foxy, Associate Administrator, Science Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; George A. Scott, Acting Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and public witnesses.

#### **RURAL TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES: STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled “Rural Transportation Challenges: Stakeholder Perspectives”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **LEGISLATIVE HEARING ON: TOXIC EXPOSURE FUND IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2024**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Legislative Hearing on: Toxic Exposure Fund Improvement Act of 2024”. Testimony was heard from Jon Rychalski, Assistant Secretary for Management and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a 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”. Testimony was heard from Chairman Bost, and Representatives Deluzio, Bergman, Murphy, Van Orden, LaLota, Dingell, Latta, and Underwood; Ajit Pai, Executive Director, Office of Rehabilitation and Prosthetic Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Michael Brennan Executive Director, Office of Construction and Facilities Management, Department of Veterans Affairs; Wendy Tenhula, Deputy Chief Research and Development Officer, Office of Research and Development, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; David Perry Chief Officer, Workforce Management and Consulting Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a 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 Reporting Performance Plans for VA Political Appointees Act. Testimony was heard from John W. Boerstler, Chief Veterans Experience Officer, Office of Human Resources and Administration/Operations, Security, and Preparedness, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### **HEARING WITH THE COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY, MARTIN O’MALLEY**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security; and Subcommittee on Work and Welfare held a joint hearing entitled “Hearing with the Commissioner of Social Security, Martin O’Malley”. Testimony was heard from Martin O’Malley, Commissioner, Social Security Administration.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
MARCH 22, 2024

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

**Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

**House**

*Committee on Armed Services*, 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.



*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

11 a.m., Friday, March 22

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Friday, March 22

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Ernest Gonzalez, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, and vote on confirmation thereon at 12 noon.

Additional roll call votes are expected during Friday's session.

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Consideration of H.R. 1023—To repeal section 134 of the Clean Air Act, relating to the greenhouse gas reduction fund.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

## HOUSE

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