

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2882, Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S2555–S2620*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-three bills and fifteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4051–4073, S.J. Res. 67–69, S. Res. 616–625, and S. Con. Res. 31–32. **Pages S2596–97**

#### Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2024”. (S. Rept. No. 118–162) **Page S2596**

#### Measures Passed:

**Enrollment Correction:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 100, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 2882. **Page S2586**

**Billion Dollar Boondoggle Act:** Senate passed S. 1258, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to submit to Congress an annual report on projects that are over budget and behind schedule. **Pages S2616–17**

**Improving Federal Building Security Act:** Senate passed S. 3613, to require Facility Security Committees to respond to security recommendations issued by the Federal Protective Service relating to facility security, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

**Pages S2617–18**

Schumer (for Peters) Amendment No. 1818, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S2617–18**

**Year of Democracy:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 333, designating 2024 as the Year of Democracy as a time to reflect on the contributions of the system of Government of the United States to a more free

and stable world, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2618**

**National Medicolegal Death Investigation Professionals Week:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 532, recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Medicolegal Death Investigation Professionals Week, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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**National Poison Prevention Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 625, recognizing the week of March 17 through March 23, 2024, as “National Poison Prevention Week” and encouraging communities across the United States to raise awareness of the dangers of poisoning and promote poison prevention.

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#### House Messages:

**Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024:** By 74 yeas to 24 nays (Vote No. 114), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2882, making further consolidated appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, by the order of the Senate of Friday, March 22, 2024, 60 Senators having voted in the affirmative, and after taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S2558–77, S2578–86**

#### Rejected:

By 45 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 105), Lee motion to concur in amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Lee Amendment No. 1722, to prohibit Federal funding for the use of the CBP One application to facilitate the entry of aliens into the United States.

**Pages S2578–79**

By 34 yeas to 63 nays (Vote No. 106), Paul motion to refer the message of the House on the bill

to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 1 day, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with changes that reduce the total amount made available under the message by 5 percent, which shall not include the reduction of any amount made available to the Department of Defense or the reduction of any amount made available for securing the international border of the United States.

**Pages S2579–80**

Cruz motion to concur in amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Cruz Amendment No. 1804, to prohibit the use of funds to waive certain sanctions with respect to Iran. (By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 107), Senate tabled the amendment.)

**Page S2580**

Tuberville motion to concur in amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Tuberville Amendment No. 1781, to prohibit funding for entities that permit certain students to participate in girls' or women's athletics. (By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 108), Senate tabled the amendment.)

**Pages S2580–81**

By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 109), Schmitt motion to concur in amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Schmitt Amendment No. 1795, to prohibit the use of funds to label speech as disinformation or misinformation or to coerce online platforms to alter, remove, restrict, or suppress speech.

**Pages S2581–82**

Johnson motion to concur in amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Johnson Amendment No. 1706, to prohibit the disbursement of certain Federal funding to local jurisdictions that refuse to provide advance notice to the Department of Homeland Security regarding the release of illegal aliens from local custody. (By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 110), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Lankford motion to concur in amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Lankford Amendment No. 1713, to prohibit the use of funds for the Women and Infants Hospital, Rhode Island.

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Lankford motion to concur in amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Lankford Amendment No. 1718, to prohibit funding for the release of special interest aliens from Federal custody during such aliens' proceedings under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

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Blackburn motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary, with instructions to report the same back to the Senate in 1 day, not counting any day on which the Senate is not in session, with an amendment con-

sisting of the text of S. 3881, as introduced in the Senate on March 6, 2024.

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Withdrawn:

Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Schumer Amendment No. 1790, to add an effective date.

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Schumer Amendment No. 1791 (to Amendment No. 1790), to add an effective date.

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Schumer motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 1792, to add an effective date. (By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 113), Senate earlier failed to table the motion to refer.)

**Pages S2559, S2585**

Schumer Amendment No. 1793 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1792), to add an effective date. (By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 112), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

**Pages S2559, S2584–85**

Schumer Amendment No. 1794 (to Amendment No. 1793), to add an effective date. (By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 111), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

**Pages S2559, S2583–84**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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By 78 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. 103), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the House Message to accompany the bill.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture on Schumer motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, be withdrawn.

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### Appointments:

*United States Semiquincentennial Commission:* The Chair announced, on behalf of the Republican Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 114–196, the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission: Senator Capito.

*Afghanistan War Commission:* The Chair, on behalf of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 117–81, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the Afghanistan War Commission: Dr. Dipali Mukhopadhyay of the District of Columbia, vice Michael D. Lumpkin of Virginia.

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*Tailpipe Emissions—Agreement:* A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that S. 4072, to prohibit the use of funds to implement,

administer, or enforce certain rules of the Environmental Protection Agency, be placed on the calendar, and notwithstanding rule XXII, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, but no later than Friday, April 19, 2024, Senate proceed to the consideration of the bill; that there be up to 2 hours for debate, equally divided, and upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on passage of the bill, with 60-affirmative votes required for passage, without intervening action or debate. **Page S2578**

**Authorizing Leadership To Make Appointments—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate. **Page S2619**

**Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate convene for pro forma sessions, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times: Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 5 p.m.; Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 10 a.m.; Monday, April 1, 2024, at 10 a.m.; Thursday, April 4, 2024, at 2 p.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, April 4, 2024, it stand adjourned until 3 p.m., on Monday, April 8, 2024. **Page S2619**

**Bazis Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Susan M. Bazis, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska. **Page S2586**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Saturday, March 23, 2024, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2024. **Pages S2586, S2619**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2586**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, April 8, 2024; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Saturday, March 23, 2024 ripen at 5:30 p.m. **Page S2619**

**White Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Robert J. White, of

Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. **Page S2586**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Susan M. Bazis, of Nebraska, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska. **Page S2586**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2586**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2586**

**Allen Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Ann Marie McIff Allen, of Utah, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah. **Pages S2586–87**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Robert J. White, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan. **Page S2587**

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

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S2586**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2586**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 88 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. EX. 102), Ernest Gonzalez, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. **Pages S2555–58**

By 90 yeas to 8 nays (Vote No. EX. 104), Leon Schydlower, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. **Pages S2577–78**

6 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.  
42 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.  
24 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S2587–88, S2619–20**

**Nomination Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general. **Pages S2591, S2619**

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Record Votes: Thirteen record votes were taken today. (Total—114)	Pages S2558, S2578–82, S2584–85

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 11 a.m., on Friday, March 22, 2024, and adjourned at 2:29 a.m., on Saturday, March 23, 2024, until 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2619.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 25 public bills, H.R. 7791–7815; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 120; H. Con. Res. 100–101; and H. Res. 1102–1106, were introduced. **Pages H1497–98**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1499–H1500**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Miller Valadao to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1357**

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

**Providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2882, with an amendment:** H. Res. 1102, providing for the concurrence by the House in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2882, with an amendment, with a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 286 yeas to 134 nays, Roll No. 102. **Pages H1365–H1487**

**Repealing section 134 of the Clean Air Act, relating to the greenhouse gas reduction fund:** The House passed H.R. 1023, to repeal section 134 of the Clean Air Act, relating to the greenhouse gas reduction fund, by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 204 noes, Roll No. 104. **Pages H1358–65, H1487–88**

Rejected the Peters motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, by a yea-nay-vote of 206 yeas to 211 nays, Roll No. 103. **Page H1487**

Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–26 shall be considered as adopted. **Pages H1358–65**

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 Wednesday, March 20th.

**Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 2882:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 100, directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of H.R. 2882. **Page H1488**

**Work Period Designation:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated the period from Friday, March 22, 2024, through Monday, April 8, 2024, as a “district work period” under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5. **Page H1491**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1486, H1487, and H1487–88.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### THE TECHNOLOGY AND AI FIGHT FOR 21ST CENTURY OPERATIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation held a hearing entitled “The Technology and AI Fight for 21st Century Operations in the Department of Defense”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Defense officials: Craig Martell, Chief

Digital and Artificial Intelligence Officer; John Sherman, Chief Information Officer; and Lieutenant General Robert Skinner, Director, Defense Information Systems Agency.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2024

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

5 p.m., Tuesday, March 26

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Tuesday, March 26

## Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

## House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9 a.m.

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