

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

House and Senate met in a Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Kishida Fumio, Prime Minister of Japan.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

Legislative Day of Wednesday, April 10, 2024.

**Routine Proceedings, pages S2715–S2722**

**Measures Introduced:** Twelve bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4107–4118, S.J. Res. 71, and S. Res. 637–639. **Page S2719**

#### Measures Reported:

H.R. 2754, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2395 East Del Mar Boulevard in Laredo, Texas, as the “Lance Corporal David Lee Espinoza, Lance Corporal Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez & Sergeant Roberto Arizola Jr. Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3865, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 101 South 8th Street in Lebanon, Pennsylvania, as the “Lieutenant William D. Lebo Post Office Building”.

H.R. 3947, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 859 North State Road 21 in Melrose, Florida, as the “Pamela Jane Rock Post Office Building”.

S. 3851, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 McCamly Street South in Battle Creek, Michigan, as the “Sojourner Truth Post Office”. **Page S2718**

#### Measures Passed:

**Calling for the Release of Ryan Corbett:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 638, calling for the immediate release of Ryan Corbett, a United States citizen who was wrongfully detained by the Taliban on August 10, 2022, and condemning the wrongful detention of Americans by the Taliban. **Page S2716**

#### Measures Considered:

**Certain Rules of the Environmental Protection Agency:** Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 4072, to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or

enforce certain rules of the Environmental Protection Agency. **Page S2715**

**Manglona Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands. **Pages S2715–16**

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 Thursday, April 11, 2024, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2024. **Page S2716**

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

By 49 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 123), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2715**

By 48 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 124), Senate agreed to the motion to recess until 3 p.m., on Monday, April 15, 2024. **Pages S2716–17**

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

Heather M. Cahoon, of Montana, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2024.

Heather M. Cahoon, of Montana, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation for a term expiring October 6, 2030.

Amanda S. Jacobsen, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Equatorial Guinea.

Christophe Andre Tocco, of California, to be Ambassador to the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Shirley Sachi Sagawa, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service for a term expiring October 6, 2029.

Ann C. Fisher, of South Dakota, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2030.

Ashley Jay Elizabeth Poling, of North Carolina, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring November 22, 2030.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—124)

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Recess: Senate convened at 12:30 p.m. and recessed at 2:37 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, April 15, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2722.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the posture of United States European Command and United States Transportation Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from General Christopher G. Cavoli, USA, Commander, United States European Command/North Atlantic Treaty Organization Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and General Jacqueline D. Van Ovost, USAF, Commander, United States Transpor-

tation Command, both of the Department of Defense.

### MEDICARE PHYSICIAN PAYMENT

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine bolstering chronic care through Medicare Physician Payment, after receiving testimony from Amol S. Navathe, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine and The Wharton School, Philadelphia; Steven Furr, American Academy of Family Physicians, Jackson, Alabama; Patricia L. Turner, American College of Surgeons, Chicago, Illinois; and Melanie Matthews, MultiCare Connected Care, Olympia, Washington.

### TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL NETWORKS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues concluded a hearing to examine countering transnational criminal networks and corruption in the Western Hemisphere, after receiving testimony from Richard Nephew, Coordinator on Global Anti-Corruption, Mark Wells, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs Bureau, and Christopher A. Landberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, all of the Department of State.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Sanket Jayshukh Bulsara, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, Dena M. Coggins, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Eric C. Schulte, and Camela C. Theeler, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota, and David O. Barnett, Jr., to be United States Marshal for the District of New Mexico, and Clinton J. Fuchs, to be United States Marshal for the District of Maryland, both of the Department of Justice.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 34 public bills, H.R. 7937–7970; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 128; and H. Res. 1133–1136, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

**Committee Chair Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Granger wherein she resigned as Chair of the Committee on Appropriations.

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**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative Cole wherein he resigned from the Committee on Rules. **Page H2293**

**Committee Resignation:** Read a letter from Representative James wherein he resigned from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H2293**

**Committee Election:** The House agreed to H. Res. 1133, electing Members to certain standing committees of the House of Representatives. **Page H2294**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:07 a.m. for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Fumio Kishida, Prime Minister of Japan. The House reconvened at 12:30 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record. **Page H2294**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:53 p.m. and reconvened at 4:15 p.m. **Page H2299**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures: Puyallup Tribe of Indians Land Into Trust Confirmation Act: S. 382, to take certain land in the State of Washington into trust for the benefit of the Puyallup Tribe of the Puyallup Reservation, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 401 yeas to 15 nays, Roll No. 110; and **Page H2300**

**Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance and Rehabilitation Act:** H.R. 2560, amended, to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish the Sea Turtle Rescue Assistance Grant Program, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 332 yeas to 82 nays, Roll No. 111. **Pages H2298–99, H2300–01**

**Suspension—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, April 9th.

**Right-Of-Way Application Transparency and Accountability Act:** H.R. 6011, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to notify applicants of the completion status of right-of-way applications under section 501 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 and section 28 of the Mineral Leasing Act. **Page H2301**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 8 a.m. tomorrow, April 12th. **Page H2301**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2300 and H2301.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MEMBER DAY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Flood, McGovern, and Moore of Wisconsin.

### APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs held a budget hearing on the U.S. Agency for International Development. Testimony was heard from Samantha Power, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development.

### APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Testimony was heard from Christopher Wray, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

### MEMBER DAY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Manning, Moylan, Stanton, and Van Drew.

### APPROPRIATIONS—NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND FAMILY HOUSING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Navy and Marine Corps Military Construction and Family Housing. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Edward D. Banta, Deputy Commandant, Installations and Logistics, U.S. Marine Corps; Meredith Berger, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Installations, Energy and Environment, and Chief Sustainability Officer, Department of the Navy; and Vice Admiral Jeffrey T. Jablon, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Installations and Logistics, Department of the Navy.

### MEMBER DAY

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Moore of Utah, Stanton, Kilmer, McGovern, James, Budzinski, and Perez.

## **POSTURE AND READINESS OF THE MOBILITY ENTERPRISE—U.S. TRANSPORTATION COMMAND AND U.S. MARITIME ADMINISTRATION**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces; and Subcommittee on Readiness held a joint hearing entitled “Posture and Readiness of the Mobility Enterprise—TRANSCOM and MARAD”. Testimony was heard from General Jacqueline D. Van Ovost, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command, Department of Defense; and Rear Admiral Ann C. Phillips (Retired), Administrator, U.S. Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

## **A REVIEW OF THE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE ENTERPRISE’S POSTURE AND CAPABILITIES IN STRATEGIC COMPETITION AND IN SYNCHRONIZING INTELLIGENCE EFFORTS TO COUNTER THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Intelligence and Special Operations held a hearing entitled “A Review of the Defense Intelligence Enterprise’s Posture and Capabilities in Strategic Competition and in Synchronizing Intelligence Efforts to Counter the People’s Republic of China”. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Defense officials: Milancy D. Harris, Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security; General Timothy D. Haugh, U.S. Air Force, Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, Director, National Security Agency, and Chief, Central Security Service; and Lieutenant General Jeffrey Kruse, U.S. Air Force, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency.

## **UNLOCKING OPPORTUNITY: ALLOWING INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS TO ACCESS BENEFITS**

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Subcommittee on Workforce Protections held a hearing entitled “Unlocking Opportunity: Allowing Independent Contractors to Access Benefits”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## **WHERE ARE WE NOW: SECTION 230 OF THE COMMUNICATIONS DECENTY ACT OF 1996**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Where Are We Now: Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act of 1996”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on House Administration:* Subcommittee on Modernization held a markup on H.R. 7592, the

“Eliminating the CONAN Print Requirement”; and H.R. 7593, the “Modernizing the Congressional Research Service’s Access to Data Act”. H.R. 7592 and H.R. 7593 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

## **FIGHTING FOR A FREE PRESS: PROTECTING JOURNALISTS AND THEIR SOURCES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government held a hearing entitled “Fighting for a Free Press: Protecting Journalists and Their Sources”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## **ENERGIZING THE TERRITORIES: PROMOTING AFFORDABLE AND RELIABLE ENERGY SOURCES FOR THE U.S. INSULAR AREAS**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled “Energizing the Territories: Promoting Affordable and Reliable Energy Sources for the U.S. Insular Areas”. Testimony was heard from John Brewer, Jr., Director, Office of Insular and International Affairs, Department of the Interior; Kyle D Fleming, Director, Virgin Islands Energy Office, and Chairman, Governing Board, Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority, U.S. Virgin Islands; and public witnesses.

## **OVERSIGHT OF THE U.S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION**

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration”. Testimony was heard from Robert Califf, Commissioner, U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

## **REFORMING INTELLIGENCE AND SECURING AMERICA ACT; EXTENDING LIMITS OF U.S. CUSTOMS WATERS ACT; DENOUNCING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION’S IMMIGRATION POLICIES; OPPOSING EFFORTS TO PLACE ONE-SIDED PRESSURE ON ISRAEL WITH RESPECT TO GAZA**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 7888, the “Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act”; H.R. 529, the “Extending Limits of U.S. Customs Waters Act”; H. Res. 1112, denouncing the Biden administration’s immigration policies; and H. Res. 1117, opposing efforts to place one-sided pressure on Israel with respect to Gaza. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 7888, the “Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act”,

H.R. 529, the “Extending Limits of U.S. Customs Waters Act”, H. Res. 1112, Denouncing the Biden administration’s immigration policies, and H. Res. 1117, Opposing efforts to place one-sided pressure on Israel with respect to Gaza. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 7888, the “Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees and the chair and ranking minority member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence or their respective designees. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–27 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. Each amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the Rules Committee report. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 529, the “Extending Limits of U.S. Customs Waters Act”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H. Res. 1112, Denouncing the Biden administration’s immigration policies, under a closed rule. The rule provides that upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider H. Res. 1112. The rule provides

that the resolution shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. The rule further provides for consideration of H. Res. 1117, Opposing efforts to place one-sided pressure on Israel with respect to Gaza, under a closed rule. The rule provides that upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider H. Res. 1117. The rule provides that the resolution shall be considered as read. Finally, the rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or their respective designees.

#### **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET REQUEST FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025 AND 2026**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Years 2025 and 2026”. Testimony was heard from Denis McDonough, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

#### **EXPANDING ON THE SUCCESS OF THE 2017 TAX RELIEF TO HELP HARDWORKING AMERICANS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Expanding on the Success of the 2017 Tax Relief to Help Hardworking Americans”. Testimony was heard from former Senator Phil Gramm and public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2024**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### **Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### **House**

*Committee on Armed Services,* Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “FY25 Budget Request for Missile Defense and Missile Defeat Programs”, 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Monday, April 15

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

8 a.m., Friday, April 12

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** To be announced.

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