

# *Daily Digest*

## *Senate*

### *Chamber Action*

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S2757–S2796*

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4126–4135, and S. Res. 642–646. **Pages S2789–90**

#### **Measures Passed:**

**National Park Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 645, designating the week of April 20 through April 28, 2024, as “National Park Week”. **Page S2781**

**Honoring Lieutenant General Thomas P. Stafford:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 646, honoring the life and legacy of Lieutenant General Thomas P. Stafford. **Page S2781**

#### **Measures Considered:**

**Reforming Intelligence And Securing America Act—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 7888, to reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978. **Pages S2761–62, S2765–81**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, April 18, 2024. **Page S2762**

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

By 50 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. EX. 128), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Pages S2761–62**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. **Page S2795**

Senate agreed to the motion to adjourn until 11 a.m., on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. **Page S2795**

**Receiving the House Managers:** The Senate received the managers appointed by the House of Representatives who presented Articles of Impeachment against Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security. **Pages S2762–65, S2785–87**

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

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Proclamation 10371 of April 21, 2022, with respect to the Russian Federation and the emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of Russian-affiliated vessels to United States ports; which was referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (PM–48) **Page S2785**

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

By 96 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. EX. 127), Ramona Villagomez Manglona, of the Northern Mariana Islands, to be Judge for the District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands for a term of ten years. **Pages S2757–61**

**Messages from the House:** **Pages S2785–87**

**Measures Referred:** **Page S2787**

**Executive Communications:** **Pages S2787–89**

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**Additional Statements:** **Pages S2784–85**

**Notices of Intent:** **Pages S2794–95**

**Authorities for Committees to Meet:** **Page S2795**

**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S2795**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—128) **Pages S2761–62**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:26 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2795.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: USDA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Thomas J. Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture.

### APPROPRIATIONS: NAVY AND MARINE CORPS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Navy and Marine Corps, after receiving testimony from Carlos Del Toro, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral Lisa Marie Franchetti, 33rd Chief of Naval Operations, and General Eric Smith, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

### APPROPRIATIONS: HHS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Health and Human Services, after receiving testimony from Xavier Becerra, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

### DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE POSTURE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Air Force in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Frank Kendall, Secretary of the Air Force, General David W. Allvin, USAF, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and General B. Chance Saltzman, USSF, Chief of Space Operations, all of the Department of Defense.

### PRESERVING THE U.S. HOUSING STOCK

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation, and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine challenges in preserving the U.S. housing stock, including S.2790, to reform rural housing programs, S.1557, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the low-income housing credit, S.3871, to establish a whole-home repairs program for eligible homeowners and eligible landlords, S.234, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of

1986 to permanently extend the new markets tax credit, S.3793, to reauthorize the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, S.1805, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand housing investment with mortgage revenue bonds, and S.657, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a tax credit for neighborhood revitalization, after receiving testimony from Jesse Ergott, NeighborWorks Northeastern Pennsylvania, Scranton; Robin Wolff, Enterprise Community Partners, Washington, D.C.; and Christopher Volzke, Wyoming Community Development Authority, Casper.

### DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Jennifer M. Granholm, Secretary of Energy.

### IRS FY 2025 BUDGET AND 2024 FILING SEASON

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Internal Revenue Service and the Internal Revenue Service 2024 filing season, after receiving testimony from Daniel Werfel, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3854, to combat transnational repression abroad, to strengthen tools to combat authoritarianism, corruption, and kleptocracy, to invest in democracy research and development, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3235, to require a strategy to counter the role of the People's Republic of China in evasion of sanctions imposed by the United States with respect to Iran, with amendments;

S. 1651, to encourage increased trade and investment between the United States and the countries in the Western Balkans, with amendments;

S. 138, to amend the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002 to modify certain provisions of that Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1829, to impose sanctions with respect to persons engaged in the import of petroleum from the Islamic Republic of Iran, with amendments;

S. 3874, to impose sanctions with respect to foreign support for terrorist organizations in Gaza and the West Bank, with amendments;

S. 2626, to impose sanctions with respect to the Supreme Leader of Iran and the President of Iran and

their respective offices for human rights abuses and support for terrorism, with amendments;

S. 2336, to address the threat from the development of Iran's ballistic missile program and the transfer or deployment of Iranian missiles and related goods and technology, including materials and equipment, with amendments;

S. Res. 505, condemning the use of sexual violence and rape as a weapon of war by the terrorist group Hamas against the people of Israel;

S. 618, to establish the United States Foundation for International Conservation to promote long-term management of protected and conserved areas, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1881, to reauthorize and amend the Nicaraguan Investment Conditionality Act of 2018 and the Reinforcing Nicaragua's Adherence to Conditions for Electoral Reform Act of 2021, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 357, recognizing the formation of the Alliance for Development in Democracy and urging the United States to pursue deeper ties with its member countries;

S. Con. Res. 18, calling for the immediate release of Marc Fogel, a United States citizen and teacher, who was given an unjust and disproportionate criminal sentence by the Government of the Russian Federation in June 2022, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 385, calling for the immediate release of Evan Gershkovich, a United States citizen and journalist, who was wrongfully detained by the Government of the Russian Federation in March 2023; and

The nominations of Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Pamela M. Tremont, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe, Elizabeth Rood, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, Richard H. Riley IV, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia, David J. Kostelancik, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, Kamala Shirin Lakhdir, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia, Stephan A. Lang, of Virginia, to be U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy, with the rank of Ambassador, Jennifer M. Adams, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde, Courtney Diesel O'Donnell, of California, to be United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, with the rank of Ambassador, Dorothy Camille Shea, of North Carolina, to be Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambas-

sador and the Deputy Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations, and to be Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, during her tenure of service as Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, Dafna Hochman Rand, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, Arthur W. Brown, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Ecuador, Richard Mills, Jr., of Georgia, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Mark Toner, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia, Laura Stone, of Utah, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Lisa Peterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi, and Donna Ann Welton, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, all of the Department of State, Andrew William Plitt, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development, Richard L.A. Weiner, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Director of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Elizabeth Shortino, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund, and routine lists in the Foreign Service.

## USPS OVERSIGHT

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the United States Postal Service, after receiving testimony from Louis DeJoy, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer, Roman Martinez IV, Chairman, Board of Governors, and Tammy Hull, Inspector General, all of the United States Postal Service; and Michael Kubayanda, Chairman, Postal Regulatory Commission.

## SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine eliminating the abuse of solitary confinement, focusing on a legacy of harm, after receiving testimony from Gretta L. Goodwin, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office; Roy Boyd, Goliad County Sheriff, Goliad, Texas; Nicole Davis, Talk2MeFoundation, Chicago, Illinois; and Katherine R. Peeler, Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts.

## AI AND ELECTION DEEPFAKES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law concluded an oversight hearing to examine AI, focusing on election deepfakes, after receiving testimony from David

Scanlan, New Hampshire Secretary of State, Concord; Zohaib Ahmed, Resemble AI, Santa Clara, California; Ben Colman, Reality Defender, New York, New York; and Rijul Gupta, Deep Media, Inc., Oakland, California.

## INTELLIGENCE

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

## LONG-TERM CARE WORKFORCE

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the long-term care workforce, focusing on addressing shortages and improving the profession, after receiving testimony from Nicholas Smith, SPIN, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Brooke Vogleman, TLC Management, Huntington, Indiana; Matthew Connell, Ivy Tech Community College of Indiana, Indianapolis; and Jasmine L. Travers, New York University Rory Meyers College of Nursing, New York, New York.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 19 public bills, H.R. 8014–8032; and 4 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 104; and H. Res. 1150–1152, were introduced.

**Pages H2443–44**

**Additional Cosponsors:**

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

H. Res. 1149, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6323) to modify the availability of certain waiver authorities with respect to sanctions imposed with respect to the financial sector of Iran, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1143) condemning Iran's unprecedented drone and missile attack on Israel; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4691) to provide for congressional review of actions to terminate or waive sanctions imposed with respect to Iran; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5947) to provide for the rescission of certain waivers and licenses relating to Iran, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6046) to designate Ansarallah as a foreign terrorist organization and impose certain sanctions on Ansarallah, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4639) to amend section 2702 of title 18, United States Code, to prevent law enforcement and intelligence agencies from obtaining subscriber or customer records in exchange for anything of value, to address communications and records in the possession of intermediary internet service providers, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–464).

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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 10:33 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m.

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

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

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**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Monday, April 15:

*Holding Iranian Leaders Accountable Act of 2023:* H.R. 6245, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to report on financial institutions' involvement with officials of the Iranian Government, and for other purposes, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 126; and

**Pages H2415–16**

*Iran Sanctions Accountability Act of 2023:* H.R. 6015, amended, To require the President to prevent the abuse of financial sanctions exemptions by Iran, and for other purposes, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 127.

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

*Strengthening Tools to Counter the Use of Human Shields Act:* H.R. 5917, amended, to amend the Sanctioning the Use of Civilians as Defenseless Shields Act to modify and extend that Act, and for other purposes, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas to 4 nays, Roll No. 128;

**Pages H2416–19, H2432–33**

*Illicit Captagon Trafficking Suppression Act of 2023:*

H.R. 4681, amended, to provide for the imposition of sanctions with respect to illicit captagon trafficking, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 129; **Pages H2419–21, H2433**

**No Technology for Terror Act:** H.R. 6603, amended, to apply foreign-direct product rules to Iran, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 406 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 130; **Pages H2422–23, H2433–34**

**No Paydays for Hostage-Takers Act:** H.R. 5826, amended, to require a report on sanctions under the Robert Levinson Hostage Recovery and Hostage-Taking Accountability Act, and for other purposes, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 391 yeas to 34 nays, Roll No. 131; **Pages H2423–26, H2434–35**

**Solidify Iran Sanctions Act of 2023:** H.R. 3033, to repeal the sunset provision of the Iran Sanctions Act of 1996, and for other purposes, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 407 yeas to 16 nays, Roll No. 132; **Pages H2426–28, H2435**

**Encouraging the European Union to Determine that the European Union Should Sanction the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps Now As a Terrorist Entity Resolution:** H. Res. 288, urging the European Union to expeditiously designate the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organization under Common Position 931, and for other purposes, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 411 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 133; and **Pages H2428–30, H2435–36**

**Condemning antisemitic slogans:** H. Res. 883, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the slogan, “from the river to the sea, Palestine will be free” is antisemitic and its use must be condemned, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yea-and-nay vote of 377 yeas to 44 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 134. **Pages H2430–32, H2436–37**

**Iran Counterterrorism Act of 2023:** The House began consideration of H.R. 6323, to modify the availability of certain waiver authorities with respect to sanctions imposed with respect to the financial sector of Iran, and for other purposes. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, April 17th. **Pages H2406–13, H2413, H2437–41**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Pages H2406–13**

H. Res. 1149, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 6323), (H.R. 4691), (H.R. 5947), (H.R. 6046), (H.R. 4639) and the resolution (H. Res. 1143) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 125, after the previous

question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 124.

**Pages H2406–13, H2413–14, H2414–15**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President transmitting a notification stating that the national emergency declared with respect to the Russian Federation and the emergency authority relating to the regulation of the anchorage and movement of Russian-affiliated vessels to United States ports is to continue in effect beyond April 21, 2024—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–131). **Pages H2405, H2413**

**Senate Referrals:** S. 3858 was held at the desk. **Pages H2421–22**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appears on pages H2421–22.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Ten yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2414, H2414–15, H2415, H2416, H2432–33, H2433, H2433–34, H2434–35, H2435, H2435–36, and H2436–37.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

**APPROPRIATIONS—JOHN C. STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE; OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE RIGHTS; CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE FOR INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP**

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service; the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights; and the Congressional Office for International Leadership. Testimony was heard from Brian Pugh, Executive Director, John C. Stennis Center for Public Service; Martin J. Crane, Executive Director, Office of Congressional Workplace Rights; and Jane Sargus, Executive Director, Congressional Office for International Leadership.

**APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. FOREST SERVICE**

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the U.S. Forest Service. Testimony was heard from Randy Moore, Chief, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and Mark Lichtenstein, National Budget Director, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

**APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**Committee on Appropriations:** Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a

budget hearing on the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Merrick Garland, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

## APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Testimony was heard from Deanne Criswell, Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

## APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Denis McDonough, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

## APPROPRIATIONS—LIBRARY OF CONGRESS; ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Library of Congress and the Architect of the Capitol. Testimony was heard from Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress, Library of Congress; Joseph DiPietro, Acting Architect of the Capitol; Robert R. Newlen, Interim Director, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Shira Perlmutter, Register of Copyrights and Director, U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

## APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on the Transportation Security Administration. Testimony was heard from David Pekoske, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET REQUEST

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Department of the Army Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from General Randy George, Chief of Staff of the Army; and Christine Wormuth, Secretary of the Army.

## FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ENERGY, INSTALLATIONS, AND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request for Department of Defense Energy, Installations, and Environment Programs”. Testimony was heard from Meredith Berger, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations, and Environment, Department of the Navy; Ravi Chaudhary, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Energy, Installations and Environment, Department of the Air Force; Rachel Jacobson, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Energy, Installations and Environment, Department of the Army; and Brendan Owens, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense.

## FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE FOR FIXED-WING TACTICAL AND TRAINING AIRCRAFT PROGRAMS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request of the Department of Defense for Fixed-Wing Tactical and Training Aircraft Programs”. Testimony was heard from Douglas C. Schmidt, Director, Operational Test and Evaluation, Department of Defense; Lieutenant General Richard G. Moore, Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs, Department of the Air Force; Lieutenant General Bradford J. Gering, Deputy Commandant for Aviation, U.S. Marine Corps; Lieutenant General Michael J. Schmidt, F-35 Program Executive Officer, Department of the Air Force; and Rear Admiral Michael Donnelly, Director, Air Warfare Division, Department of the Navy.

## EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY: THE PATH TO HIGHER QUALITY, LOWER COST HEALTH CARE

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “ERISA's 50th Anniversary: the Path to Higher Quality, Lower Cost Health Care”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## EXAMINING HEALTH SECTOR CYBERSECURITY IN THE WAKE OF THE CHANGE HEALTHCARE ATTACK

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Examining Health Sector Cybersecurity in the Wake of the Change

Healthcare Attack". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## EXAMINING HOW IMPROPER PAYMENTS COST TAXPAYERS BILLIONS AND WEAKEN MEDICARE AND MEDICAID

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "Examining How Improper Payments Cost Taxpayers Billions and Weaken Medicare and Medicaid". Testimony was heard from Michael Chernew, Chair, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission; Gene Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office; Christi Grimm, Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; and Timothy Hill, Member, Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program Payment and Access Commission.

## HELD FOR RANSOM: HOW RANSOMWARE ENDANGERS OUR FINANCIAL SYSTEM

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on National Security, Illicit Finance, and International Financial Institutions held a hearing entitled "Held for Ransom: How Ransomware Endangers Our Financial System". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## AGENCY AUDIT: REVIEWING CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU FINANCIAL REPORTING AND TRANSPARENCY

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy held a hearing entitled "Agency Audit: Reviewing CFPB Financial Reporting and Transparency". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## A REVIEW OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled "A Review of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request for the Department of Homeland Security". Testimony was heard from Alejandro Mayorkas, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee began a markup on H.R. 1631, the "Protecting and Enhancing Public Access to Codes Act"; H.R. 7737, the "One Agency Act"; H.R. 3591, the "Asylum Accountability Act"; H.R. 3269, the "Law Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act"; H.R. 7581, the "Improving Law Enforcement Officer Safety and

Wellness Through Data Act"; and H.R. 4951, the "Ensuring Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act".

## LIBERTY, TYRANNY, AND ACCOUNTABILITY: COVID-19 AND THE CONSTITUTION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government held a hearing entitled "Liberty, Tyranny, and Accountability: Covid-19 and the Constitution". Testimony was heard from Joseph A. Ladapo, M.D., Surgeon General, Florida; and public witnesses.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 5015, the "Seedlings for Sustainable Habitat Restoration Act of 2023"; H.R. 6482, the "Enhancing Geothermal Production on Federal Lands Act"; H.R. 7003, the "National Landslide Preparedness Act Reauthorization Act of 2024"; H.R. 7370, the "Geothermal Energy Opportunity Act"; H.R. 7375, to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to improve the assessment of expression of interest fees, and for other purposes; H.R. 7377, the "Royalty Resiliency Act"; H.R. 7408, the "America's Wildlife Habitat Conservation Act"; H.R. 7409, the "HEATS Act"; and H.R. 7422, the "Geothermal Cost-Recovery Authority Act of 2024". H.R. 7409 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 7422, H.R. 7408, H.R. 7377, H.R. 7375, H.R. 7370, H.R. 7003, H.R. 6482, and H.R. 5015 were ordered reported, as amended.

## HOW THE BORDER CRISIS IMPACTS PUBLIC SAFETY

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs held a hearing entitled "How the Border Crisis Impacts Public Safety". Testimony was heard from Bill Waybourn, Sheriff, Tarrant County, Texas; Mike Chapman, Sheriff, Loudoun County, Virginia; and public witnesses.

## ACADEMIC MALPRACTICE: EXAMINING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SCIENTIFIC JOURNALS, THE GOVERNMENT, AND PEER REVIEW

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic held a hearing entitled "Academic Malpractice: Examining the Relationship Between Scientific Journals, the Government, and Peer Review". Testimony was heard from a public witness.

## EXPLORING SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMS: REVIEWING THE SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT COMPANY AND SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH PROGRAMS' IMPACT ON SMALL BUSINESSES

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Tax, and Capital Access held a hearing entitled ‘Exploring SBA Programs: Reviewing the SBIC and SBIR Programs’ Impact on Small Businesses’. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Full Committee held a business meeting on updated Committee roster. The updated Committee roster was approved.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a markup on H.R. 1083, the “Caring for Survivors Act of 2023”; H.R. 2911, the “Fairness for Servicemembers and their Families Act of 2023”; H.R. 3651, the “Love Lies On Act of 2023”; H.R. 7100, the “Prioritizing Veterans’ Survivors Act”; H.R. 7150, the “Survivor Benefits Delivery Improvement Act of 2024”; H.R. 7777, the “Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2024”; H.R. 7793, the “Veterans Appeals Options Expansion Act of 2024”; H.R. 7816, the “Clear Communications for Veterans Claims Act”; H.R. 7883, the “Toxic Exposures Examination Improvement Act”; H.R. 7917, the “Veterans Appeals Efficiency Act of 2024”; and H.R. 7919, the “Veterans Claims Quality Improvement Act of 2024”. H.R. 2911 and H.R. 7816 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. H.R. 1083, H.R. 3651, H.R. 7100, H.R. 7150, H.R. 7777, H.R. 7793, H.R. 7883, H.R. 7917, and H.R. 7919 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

## MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 3225, the “BUILD for Veterans Act of 2023”; H.R. 3303, the “Maternal Health for Veterans 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. 3584, the “Veterans Cannabis Analysis, Research, and Effectiveness Act”; H.R. 5530, the “VA Emergency Transportation Access Act”; H.R. 5794, the “Veterans Affairs Peer Review Neutrality Act of 2023”; H.R. 6324, the “Fiscal

Year 2024 Veterans Affairs 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; and a Lease Resolution. H.R. 3644 was forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. H.R. 3584, H.R. 4424, H.R. 6373, H.R. 5530, H.R. 6324, H.R. 7347, H.R. 3225, H.R. 5794, H.R. 3649, and H.R. 3303 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. The Lease Resolution was forwarded to the full Committee.

## HEARING ON THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S 2024 TRADE POLICY AGENDA WITH UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE KATHERINE TAI

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Hearing on the Biden Administration’s 2024 Trade Policy Agenda with United States Trade Representative Katherine Tai”. Testimony was heard from Katherine Tai, U.S. Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President.

## HEARING ON THE WINDFALL ELIMINATION PROVISION AND GOVERNMENT PENSION OFFSET

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Social Security held a hearing entitled “Hearing on the Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY'S ROLE IN THE FENTANYL CRISIS

*Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The CCP’s Role in the Fentanyl Crisis”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

## Joint Meetings

### REPUBLIC OF MALTA

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine the Republic of Malta, focusing on leading the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe through turbulent times, after receiving testimony from Ian Borg, Republic of Malta Foreign Minister and Chairperson-in-Office, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY,  
APRIL 17, 2024***(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)***Senate**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Justice, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

*Committee on Armed Services:* to hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration atomic energy defense activities 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 a.m., SD-G50.

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* to hold hearings to examine the FAA Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) Expert Panel Report, 10 a.m., SR-253.

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Christopher T. Hanson, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 10 a.m., SD-406.

*Committee on Finance:* to hold hearings to examine the President's 2024 trade policy agenda, 10 a.m., SD-215.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings to examine modernizing United States alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pacific, 10 a.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Colleen Duffy Kiko, of North Dakota, and Anne Marie Wagner, of Virginia, both to be a Member of the Federal Labor Relations Authority, and David Huitema, of Maryland, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine Boeing's broken safety culture, focusing on firsthand accounts, 11 a.m., SD-342.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Kevin Gafford Ritz, of Tennessee, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Sixth Circuit, Brian Edward Murphy, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Rebecca L. Pennell, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, and Jeannette A. Vargas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, 10 a.m., SD-226.

**House**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, budget hearing on the U.S. House of Representatives, 9 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Civil Works) and the Bureau of Reclamation, 9:30 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of the Interior, 9:30 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

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

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, hearing entitled "Member and Public Witness Day", 11 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on National Aeronautics and Space Administration, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force Military Construction and Family Housing, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, budget hearing on Immigration and Customs Enforcement, 2:30 p.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Department of the Air Force Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, hearing entitled "Department of the Navy Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request for Seapower and Projection Forces", 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Leadership and Personnel, hearing entitled "Military Department Personnel Chiefs: Personnel Posture", 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Full Committee, hearing entitled "Columbia in Crisis: Columbia University's Response to Antisemitism", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce, hearing entitled "Legislative Solutions to Protect Kids Online and Ensure Americans' Data Privacy Rights", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2025 Department of Health and Human Services Budget", 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5535, the "Insurance Data Protection Act"; H.R. 802, the "Respect State Housing Laws Act"; H.R. 7437, the "Fostering the Use of Technology to Uphold Regulatory Effectiveness in Supervision Act"; H.R. 7440, the "Financial Services Innovation Act of 2024"; H.R. 7428, the "Earned Wage Access Consumer Protection Act"; H.R. 4206, the "Bank Safety Act of 2023"; H.R. 4116, the "Systemic Risk Authority Transparency Act"; H.J. Res. 127, a resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to the "Enhancement and Standardization of Climate-Related Disclosures for Investors"; H.J. Res. 122, a resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau relating to "Credit Card Penalty Fees (Regulation Z)"; H.J. Res. 120, a resolution

providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Financial Stability Oversight Council (FSOC) relating to “Guidance on Non-Bank Financial Company Determinations”; H.J. Res. 125, a resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System relating to “Principles for Climate-Related Financial Risk Management for Large Financial Institutions”; H.J. Res. 126, a resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation relating to “Principles for Climate-Related Financial Risk Management for Large Financial Institutions”; H.J. Res. 124, a resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency relating to “Principles for Climate-Related Financial Risk Management for Large Financial Institutions”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs*, Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia; and Subcommittee on Europe, joint hearing entitled “The Despotic Duo: Russo-Iranian Cooperation and Threats to U.S. Interests”, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled “Three Years Later: D.C. National Guard Whistleblowers Speak Out on January 6 Delay”, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Full Committee, continue markup on H.R. 1631, the “Protecting and Enhancing Public Access to Codes Act”; H.R. 7737, the “One Agency Act”; H.R. 3591, the “Asylum Accountability Act”; H.R. 3269, the “Law Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act”; H.R. 7581, the “Improving Law Enforcement Officer Safety and Wellness Through Data Act”; and H.R. 4951, the “Ensuring Justice for Victims of Terrorism Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on legislation to expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on Tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Defending America from the Chinese Communist Party’s Political Warfare, Part I”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, markup on legislation on The Rural Small Business Resilience Act;

H.R. 5333, the “Investing in All of America Act of 2023”; legislation on The Transparency and Predictability in Small Business Opportunities Act; legislation on The Plain Language in Contracting Act; legislation on The Small Business Procurement and Utilization Reform (SPUR) Act of 2024; legislation on The Individuals with Disabilities Entrepreneurial Act of 2024; and legislation on The Think DIFFERENTLY About Disability Employment Act, 9:45 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled “Getting to Work: Examining Challenges and Solutions in the Commuter Rail Industry”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, markup on H.R. 6538, the “VA Correct Compensation Act of 2023”; H.R. 6874, the “VA WEB Act”; H.R. 6947, the “Veterans Affairs Centennial and Heritage Act of 2024”; H.R. 7342, the “Veterans Accessibility Advisory Committee Act of 2024”; H.R. 7765, the “VA Security Screening Pilot Program Act”; H.R. 7713, the “VA Political Performance Disclosure Act”; H.R. 6452, the “Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Act of 2023”; H.R. 7734, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require a notation in the personal record file of certain employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs who resign from Government employment under certain circumstances; and H.R. 6531, the “TRAIN VA Employees Act”, 9:30 a.m., 360 Cannon.

*Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity*, markup on Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, markup on H.R. 6225, the “Expanding Home Loans for Guard and Reservists Act”; H.R. 6656, the “Stuck on Hold Act”; H.R. 7323, the “Montgomery GI Bill Selected Reserves Tuition Fairness Act”; H.R. 7613, the “Veterans Flight Training Responsibility Act of 2024”; H.R. 7643, the “Veterans Congressional Work Study Act of 2024”; H.R. 7653, the “VERY Act of 2024”; and H.R. 7732, the “ETS Act”, 1 p.m., 360 Cannon.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 5179, the “Anti-BDS Labeling Act”; H.R. 7981, the “Stop China’s Exploitation of Congolese Children and Adult Forced Labor through Cobalt Mining Act”; H.R. 7979, the “End China’s De Minimis Abuse Act”; H.R. 7983, the “Stop Executive Overreach on Trade Agreements”; H.R. 7980, the “End Chinese Dominance of Electric Vehicles in America Act of 2024”; and H.R. 7986, the “Generalized System Preferences Reform Act”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Subcommittee on National Security Agency and Cyber, hearing entitled “Computer Network Operations (CNO)”, 2 p.m., HVC-304. This hearing is closed.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*  
11 a.m., Wednesday, April 17

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*  
10 a.m., Wednesday, April 17

Senate Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 7888, *Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act*.

At 1 p.m., Senators will be sworn in as jurors in the court of impeachment against Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security. Roll call votes are expected in relation to the impeachment trial.

House Chamber

**Program for Wednesday:** Complete consideration of H.R. 6323—*Iran Counterterrorism Act*.

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