

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate sitting as a Court of Impeachment for consideration of the Articles of Impeachment against Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security, adjourned sine die.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2797–S2831

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4136–4155, S.J. Res. 72, S. Res. 647, and S. Con. Res. 33.

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Measures Passed:

Authorizing the Use of the Rotunda: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 33, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the lying in honor of the remains of Ralph Puckett, Jr., the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient for acts performed during the Korean conflict.

Pages S2798–99

Migratory Birds of the Americas Conservation Enhancements Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4389, to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to make improvements to that Act, and the bill was then passed.

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Measures Considered:

Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 7888, to reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill at approximately 12 noon, on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

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Senate agreed to the motion to adjourn until 12 noon, on Thursday, April 18, 2024.

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Impeachment of Secretary Mayorkas: Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Articles of Impeachment against Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas,

Secretary of Homeland Security, taking the following actions:

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Administering the Oath to President Pro Tempore: Pursuant to Rule III of the Senate Rules on Impeachment, Senator Grassley administered the oath to Senator Murray.

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Administering the Oath to Senators: In conformance with Article I, section 3, clause 6 of the United States Constitution, and the Senate Rules on Impeachment, Senator Murray administered the oath to the Members of the United States Senate.

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Adopted:

By 51 yeas to 48 nays, 1 responding present (Vote No. 132), Senate, under the precedents and practices of the Senate, upheld the Schumer point of order that Impeachment Article I does not allege conduct that rises to the level of a high crime or misdemeanor as required under Article II, section 4, of the United States Constitution and is therefore unconstitutional. Subsequently, the point of order was well taken and the article falls. (By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 131), Senate earlier failed to table the point of order.)

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By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 139), Senate, under the precedents and practices of the Senate, upheld the Schumer point of order that Impeachment Article II does not allege conduct that rises to the level of a high crime or misdemeanor as required under Article II, section 4, of the United States Constitution and is therefore unconstitutional. Subsequently, the point of order was well taken and the article falls. (By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 138), Senate earlier failed to table the point of order.)

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By 51 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 140), Schumer motion to adjourn the court of impeachment sine die.

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Rejected:

By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 129), Cruz motion that Senate proceed to closed session to allow

for deliberation on Schumer point of order related to Impeachment Article I (listed above) as required by Rule XXIV of the Senate Rules on Impeachment.

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By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 130), Kennedy motion to adjourn the court of impeachment immediately until 12 noon on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

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By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 133), Lee motion that Senate proceed to closed session to allow for deliberation on Schumer point of order related to Impeachment Article II (listed above) as required by Rule XXIV of the Senate Rules on Impeachment.

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By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 134), Scott (FL) motion to adjourn the court of impeachment immediately until 12 noon on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

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By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 135), Kennedy motion to adjourn the court of impeachment immediately until 12 noon on Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

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By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 136), Marshall motion to adjourn the court of impeachment immediately until 7 a.m., on Wednesday, November 6, 2024.

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By 49 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 137), Kennedy motion to proceed to Executive Session.

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Messages from the House: Pages S2823–24

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: Page S2831

Quorum Calls: Two quorum calls were taken today. (Total—5) **Pages S2802–03**

Record Votes: Twelve record votes were taken today. (Total—140) **Pages S2803–07**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 7:12 p.m., until 12 noon on Thursday, April 18, 2024. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2831.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DOJ

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2024 for the Department of Justice, after receiving testimony from Merrick B. Garland, Attorney General of the United States, Department of Justice.

DOE AND NNSA ATOMIC ENERGY DEFENSE ACTIVITIES

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed 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, after receiving testimony from Jennifer M. Granholm, Secretary, and Jill M. Hruby, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, both of the Department of Energy.

FAA ODA EXPERT PANEL REPORT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the FAA Organization Designation Authorization (ODA) Expert Panel Report, after receiving testimony from Tracy Dillinger, Manager for Safety Culture and Human Factors, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Javier de Luis, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; and Najmedin Meshkati, University of Southern California Aviation Safety and Security Program, Los Angeles.

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Christopher T. Hanson, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Stabenow, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

TRADE POLICY AGENDA

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President’s 2024 trade policy agenda, after receiving testimony from Katherine Tai, United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President.

INDO-PACIFIC

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine modernizing United States alliances and partnerships in the Indo-Pacific, after receiving testimony from Admiral Harry Harris, USN (Ret.), former Commander, Pacific Command, Department of Defense, and former Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, Department of State; and Walter Russell Mead, Bard College, Red Hook, New York.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BOEING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

concluded a hearing to examine Boeing's broken safety culture, focusing on firsthand accounts, after receiving testimony from Sam Salehpour, Boeing, Seattle, Washington; Edward F. Pierson, Washington, D.C., and Joe Jacobsen, Seattle, Washington, both of The Foundation for Aviation Safety; and Shawn Pruchnicki, The Ohio State University, Columbus.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing 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, who was introduced by Senators Warren and Markey, Rebecca L. Pennell, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, who was introduced by Senator Murray, and Jeannette A. Vargas, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York, who was introduced by Senator Gillibrand, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 27 public bills, H.R. 8033–8059; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 1153–1156, were introduced. **Pages H2500–02**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2503**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H.R. 4555, to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to allow the use of requirements payments to conduct a post-election audit with respect to an election for Federal office in a State, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–465). **Page H2500**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Weber (TX) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2447**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m.

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. **Page H2457**

Fourth Amendment Is Not For Sale Act: The House passed 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, by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 199 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 136. **Pages H2459–68, H2480–81**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–28 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. **Pages H2459–65**

Agreed to:

Davidson amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 118–464) that adds Section 702 to the exclusive means by which the government obtains the location information of U.S. persons or persons inside the United States, web browsing history, Internet search history, or any other data that would require a court order; and **Page H2465**

Higgins (LA) amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 118–464) that clarifies excluded covered data exceptions for user-generated public content, public records, background checks, and Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR). **Pages H2465–66**

Rejected:

LaLota amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 118–464) that clarifies Section 2 shall not limit a

governmental entity's ability to obtain information that would be obtainable without a warrant by a recorded vote of 176 ayes to 246 noes with one answering "present", Roll No. 135.

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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 on Tuesday, April 16th.

Standing Against Houthi Aggression Act: The House passed H.R. 6046, to designate Ansarallah as a foreign terrorist organization and impose certain sanctions on Ansarallah, and for other purposes, by a yea-and-nay vote of 285 yeas to 135 nays, Roll No. 137.

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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 on Tuesday, April 16th.

Iran Sanctions Relief Review Act of 2023: The House passed H.R. 4691, to provide for congressional review of actions to terminate or waive sanctions imposed with respect to Iran, by a yea-and-nay vote of 278 yeas to 141 nays, Roll No. 138.

Pages H2471–76, H2482–83

H. Res. 1149, the rule providing for consideration of 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 on Tuesday, April 16th.

To provide for the rescission of certain waivers and licenses relating to Iran, and for other purposes: H.R. 5947, to provide for the rescission of certain waivers and licenses relating to Iran, and for other purposes, by a yea-and-nay vote of 259 yeas to 160 nays, Roll No. 139.

Pages H2476–80, H2483

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 on Tuesday, April 16th.

Recess: The House recessed at 3:04 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m.

Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the lying in honor of the remains of Ralph Puckett, Jr., the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient for acts performed during the Korean conflict: The House agreed to S. Con. Res. 33, to authorize the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the lying in honor of the remains of Ralph Puckett, Jr., the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient for acts performed during the Korean conflict.

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Senate Referrals: S. Con. Res. 33 was held at the desk.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today and a message from the Senate appear on pages H2480, H2484, and H2485.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2480–81, H2481, H2482, H2482–83, H2483, and H2484.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the U.S. House of Representatives. Testimony was heard from the following U.S. House of Representatives officials: E. Wade Ballou, Jr., Legislative Counsel; Matthew Berry, General Counsel; Kevin F. McCumber, Acting Clerk; William P. McFarland, Sergeant at Arms; Joseph C. Picolla, Inspector General; Ralph V. Seep, Law Revision Counsel; and Catherine L. Szpindor, Chief Administrative Officer.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (CIVIL WORKS); BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Civil Works) and the Bureau of Reclamation. Testimony was heard from Michael Brain, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, Department of the Interior; Camille Calimlim Touton, Commissioner, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Michael L. Connor, Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of the Army; and Lieutenant General Scott A. Spellmon, Chief of Engineers and Commanding General, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of the Interior. Testimony was heard from the following Department of the Interior officials: Deb Haaland, Secretary; Denise Flanagan, Director of Budget; and Joan M. Mooney, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a budget hearing on the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from Lloyd J. Austin III, Secretary, Department of Defense; General Charles Q. Brown, Jr., Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Michael McCord, Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer, Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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

APPROPRIATIONS—MEMBER AND PUBLIC WITNESS DAY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing entitled “Member and Public Witness Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Crockett, Kilmer, and Takano; and public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Testimony was heard from Bill Nelson, Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. AIR FORCE AND U.S. SPACE FORCE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND FAMILY HOUSING

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force Military Construction and Family Housing. Testimony was heard from Ravi Chaudhary, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Installations, Energy and Environment, Department of Air Force; Brigadier General Brian S. Hartless, Force Director of Civil Engineers, Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection, U.S. Air Force; and Bruce Hollywood, Associate Chief Operations Officer, U.S. Space Force.

APPROPRIATIONS—U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a budget hearing on U.S. Immi-

gration and Customs Enforcement. Testimony was heard from Patrick Lechleitner, Acting Director, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Department of the Air Force Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from Frank Kendall III, Secretary, U.S. Air Force; General B. Chance Saltzman, U.S. Space Force, Chief of Space Operations, U.S. Space Force; and General David W. Allvin, U.S. Air Force, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET REQUEST FOR SEAPOWER AND PROJECTION FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces held a hearing entitled “Department of the Navy Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request for Seapower and Projection Forces”. Testimony was heard from Nickolas H. Guertin, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition, Department of the Navy; Vice Admiral James Pitts, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Warfighting Requirements and Capabilities (N9), Department of the Navy; and Lieutenant General Karsten S. Heckl, Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration (DC CD&I), U.S. Marine Corps.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL CHIEFS: PERSONNEL POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Leadership and Personnel held a hearing entitled “Military Department Personnel Chiefs: Personnel Posture”. Testimony was heard from Lieutenant General Douglas F. Stitt, U.S. Air Force, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, Department of the Army; Vice Admiral Richard Cheeseman, Jr., U.S. Navy, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Personnel, Department of the Navy; Lieutenant General James Glynn, U.S. Marine Corps, Deputy Commandant, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Department of the Navy, Marine Corps; Lieutenant General Caroline Miller, U.S. Air Force, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Personnel, Department of the Air Force; and Katharine Kelley, Senior Executive Service, Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Human Capital, Department of the Space Force.

COLUMBIA IN CRISIS: COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY'S RESPONSE TO ANTISEMITISM

Committee on Education and Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Columbia in Crisis: Columbia University’s Response to Antisemitism”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE SOLUTIONS TO PROTECT KIDS ONLINE AND ENSURE AMERICANS’ DATA PRIVACY RIGHTS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce held a hearing entitled “Legislative Solutions to Protect Kids Online and Ensure Americans’ Data Privacy Rights”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2025 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2025 Department of Health and Human Services Budget”. Testimony was heard from Xavier Becerra, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a 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”; and 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”. H.R. 5535, H.R. 802, H.R. 7437, H.R. 7440, H.R. 7428, H.R. 4206, and H.R. 4116 were ordered reported, as amended. H.J. Res. 127, H.J. Res. 122, H.J. Res. 120, H.J. Res. 125, H.J. Res. 126, and H.J. Res. 124 were ordered reported, without amendment.

THE DESPOTIC DUO: RUSSO-IRANIAN COOPERATION AND THREATS TO U.S. INTERESTS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia; and Subcommittee on Europe held a joint hearing entitled “The Despot Duo: Russo-Iranian Cooperation and Threats to U.S. Interests”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THREE YEARS LATER: D.C. NATIONAL GUARD WHISTLEBLOWERS SPEAK OUT ON JANUARY 6 DELAY

Committee on House Administration: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Three Years Later: D.C. National Guard Whistleblowers Speak Out on January 6 Delay”. Testimony was heard from the following D.C. Army National Guard officials: Colonel Earl Matthews, Chief Legal Advisor; Command Sergeant Major Michael Brooks (Retired), Senior Enlisted Officer; Captain Timothy Nick, Aide-de-camp; and Brigadier General Aaron Dean (Retired), Adjutant General.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee continued 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”.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a 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. Testimony was heard from Chairman Westerman; Chris French, Deputy Chief of the National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; and public witnesses.

DEFENDING AMERICA FROM THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY'S POLITICAL WARFARE, PART I

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Defending America from the Chinese Communist Party’s Political Warfare, Part I”. Testimony was heard from Brigadier General Robert Spalding (Retired), U.S. Air Force; Colonel Grant Newsham (Retired), U.S. Marine Corps; and public witnesses.

TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION ILLICIT SPOTTER PREVENTION AND ELIMINATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee began a hearing on H.R. 3602, the “Transnational Criminal Organization Illicit Spotter Prevention and Elimination Act” [End the Border Catastrophe Act]. Testimony was heard from Representatives McClintock and Nadler.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a 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. H.R. 5333 was ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 7984, H.R. 7987, H.R. 7988, H.R. 7985, and H.R. 7989 were ordered reported, without amendment.

GETTING TO WORK: EXAMINING CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS IN THE COMMUTER RAIL INDUSTRY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “Getting to Work: Examining Challenges and Solutions in the Commuter Rail Industry”. Testimony was heard from Mike Noland, President, Northern Indiana Com-

muter Transportation District, Indiana; Debra Johnson, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, RT-Denver (Regional Transportation District—Denver), Colorado; David W. Dech, Executive Director, South Florida Regional Transportation Authority/Tri-Rail, Florida; Kevin Corbett, President and Chief Executive Officer, New Jersey Transit, and Northeast Corridor Commission, New Jersey; and Darren Kettle, Chief Executive Officer, Metrolink, California.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a markup on H.R. 6538, the “VA Correct Compensation Act of 2023”; H.R. 6874, the “VA WEB Act”; H.R. 7342, the “Veterans Accessibility Advisory Committee Act of 2024”; 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; H.R. 6531, the “TRAIN VA Employees Act”; and H.R. 6947, the “Veterans Affairs Centennial and Heritage Act of 2024”. H.R. 6538, H.R. 6874, H.R. 7342, H.R. 7713, H.R. 6531, and H.R. 6947 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. H.R. 6452 and H.R. 7734 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a 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”. H.R. 6656, H.R. 7613, H.R. 7732, H.R. 6225, and H.R. 7643 were forwarded to the full Committee, as amended. H.R. 7323 and H.R. 7653 were forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a 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 Act”; 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”. H.R. 5179, H.R. 7981, H.R. 7979, H.R. 7983, H.R. 7980, and H.R. 7986 were ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Army 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., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine Federal Housing Regulators, 10:10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Homeland Security, focusing on resources and authorities requested to protect and secure the homeland, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 1306, to reauthorize the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and the nominations of Nancy L. Maldonado, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, Georgia N. Alexakis, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Krissa M. Lanham, and Angela M. Martinez, both to be a United States District Judge for the District of Arizona, Sparkle L. Sooknanan, to be United States District Judge for the

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Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Food and Drug Administration, 9 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

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