

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2833–S2906

Measures Introduced: Forty-one bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4156–4196, S.J. Res. 73, and S. Res. 648–656. **Pages S2872–74**

Measures Passed:

Strengthening Coastal Communities Act: Senate passed S. 2958, to amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to make improvements to that Act, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S2866**

Schumer (for Carper/Graham) Amendment No. 1835, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2866**

National Assistive Technology Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 594, designating April 17, 2024, as “National Assistive Technology Awareness Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S2866**

Honoring the Life of Joseph Isadore Lieberman: Senate agreed to S. Res. 655, honoring the life of Joseph Isadore Lieberman, former Senator for the State of Connecticut. **Page S2866**

Measures Failed:

Certain Rules of the Environmental Protection Agency: By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. 142), Senate failed to pass S. 4072, to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce certain rules of the Environmental Protection Agency, by the order of the Senate of Friday, March 22, 2024, 60 Senators not having voted in the affirmative. **Pages S2838–46**

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. **Pages S2833–37, S2838, S2846–66**

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

By 67 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 141), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having

voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S2838**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 11 a.m., on Friday, April 19, 2024; and that all time during adjournment, recess, morning business, and Leader remarks count toward post-cloture time. **Page S2905**

Signing Authority—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senator Cantwell be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions from Thursday, April 18, 2024 through Friday, April 19, 2024. **Pages S2837–38**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Curtis Raymond Ried, of California, a Foreign Service Officer of Class One, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador.

Carmen G. Iguina Gonzalez, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

Joseph Russell Palmore, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

John Bradford Wiegmann, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

Miranda L. Holloway-Baggett, of Alabama, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Alabama for the term of four years.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—142) Pages S2838, S2846

Adjournment: Senate convened at 12 noon and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Joseph Isadore Lieberman, former Senator for the State of Connecticut, in accordance with S. Res. 655, at 7:48 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Friday, April 19, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2905.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed 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, after receiving testimony from Christine E. Wormuth, Secretary of the Army, and General Randy A. George, USA, Chief of Staff of the Army, both of the Department of Defense.

FEDERAL HOUSING REGULATORS OVERSIGHT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to exam-

ine Federal Housing Regulators, including S. 2224, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to deny interest and depreciation deductions for taxpayers owning 50 or more single family properties, and S. 3793, to reauthorize the HOME Investment Partnerships Program, after receiving testimony from Adrienne Todman, Acting Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; and Sandra L. Thompson, Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency.

DHS BUDGET

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing 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, after receiving testimony from Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported 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 District of Columbia, Claria Horn Boom, of Kentucky, and John Gleeson, of New York, both to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, and Matthew L. Gannon, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of Iowa, David C. Waterman, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa, and Gary D. Grimes, Sr., to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Arkansas, all of the Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 21 public bills, H.R. 8060–8080; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 129; and H. Res. 1157–1159, were introduced. Pages H2520–21
Additional Cosponsors: Pages H2522–23
Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Pastor J. Heinrich Arnold, Bruderhof church communities, Rifton, New York. Page H2505

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by voice vote. Page H2505

Condemning Iran's unprecedented drone and missile attack on Israel: The House agreed to H. Res. 1143, condemning Iran's unprecedented drone

and missile attack on Israel, by a yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas to 14 nays, Roll No. 141.

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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.

Recess: The House recessed at 9:42 a.m. and reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H2510.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Food and Drug Administration. Testimony was heard from Robert M. Califf, M.D., Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee concluded 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”; and H.R. 7581, the “Improving Law Enforcement Officer Safety and Wellness Through Data Act”. H.R. 7737, H.R. 1631, H.R. 3591, H.R. 3269, and H.R. 7581 were ordered reported, as amended.

ASSESSING SOLUTIONS TO SECURE AMERICA’S OFFSHORE ENERGY FUTURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing entitled “Assessing Solutions to Secure America’s Offshore Energy Future”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT OF THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION’S PAUSE ON LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS EXPORTS

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Economic Growth, Energy Policy, and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the Biden Administration’s Pause on Liquified Natural Gas Exports”. Testimony was

heard from Brad Crabtree, Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, Department of Energy.

ISRAEL SECURITY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024; UKRAINE SECURITY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024; INDO-PACIFIC SECURITY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024; 21ST CENTURY PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 8034, the “Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024”; H.R. 8035, the “Ukraine Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024”; H.R. 8036, the “Indo-Pacific Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024”; and H.R. 8038, the “21st Century Peace through Strength Act”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 9–3, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 8034, the “Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024”, H.R. 8035, the “Ukraine Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024”, H.R. 8036, the “Indo-Pacific Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024”, and H.R. 8038, the “21st Century Peace through Strength Act”. The rule provides for consideration of H.R. 8034, the “Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides thirty minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 8035, the “Ukraine Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides thirty minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report 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 the further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such 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 part B of the report. The rule provides that for those amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House en gros and without demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 8036, the “Indo-Pacific Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2024”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides thirty minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. The rule makes in order only the amendment printed in part C of the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such 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 amendment printed in part C of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 8038, the “21st Century Peace through Strength Act”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides thirty minutes of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or their respective designees. The rule provides that the amendment printed in part D of the Rules Committee report 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 further amendments printed in part E of the Rules Committee report. Each such 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 part E of the report. The rule provides that for those amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole, the question of their adoption shall be put to the House en gros and without demand for division of the question. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule provides that during consideration of H.R. 8035 and H.R. 8038, the Chair may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the Majority Leader or his designee and the Chair may not entertain a motion to strike out the enacting words of the bill (as described in clause 9 of rule XVIII). The rule provides that upon disposition of H.R. 8034, H.R. 8035, H.R. 8036, and H.R. 8038, the House shall be considered to have concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 815 with an amendment consisting of the text of H.R. 8034, H.R. 8035, H.R. 8036, and H.R. 8038, as passed by the House, if passed by the House. The rule provides that in the engrossment of the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 815, the Clerk shall assign appropriate designations to provisions within the engrossment; conform cross-references and provisions for short titles within the engrossment; be authorized to make technical corrections, including corrections in spelling, punctuation, page and line numbering, section numbering, and insertion of appropriate headings; and relocate section 3 of the text of H.R. 8038 to a new section immediately prior to Division A within the engrossment. Finally, the rule provides that upon transmission to the Senate of a message that the House has concurred in the Senate amendment to H.R. 815 with an amendment, H.R. 8034, H.R. 8035, H.R. 8036, and H.R. 8038, as passed by the House, if passed by the House, are laid on the table. Testimony was heard from Chairman Cole, Chairman DeLauro, Chairman McCaul, Chairman Arrington, and Representatives Meeks, Clyde, Nehls, Mast, Moylan, Zinke, Nunn of Iowa, Brecheen, Ogles, McCormick, Cammack, Gosar, and Norman.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Friday, April 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 7888, Reforming Intelligence and Securing America Act, post-cloture.

Roll call votes are expected during Friday's session.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, April 19

House Chamber

Program for Friday: To be announced.

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