

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### *Chamber Action*

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

### *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 22 public bills, H.R. 8142–8163; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 132; and H. Res. 1172, 1174–1179, were introduced. **Pages H2699–H2700**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H2701–02**

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

H.R. 7032, to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide the Congressional Budget Office with necessary authorities to expedite the sharing of data from executive branch agencies, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–474);

H.R. 7219, to ensure that Federal agencies rely on the best reasonably available scientific, technical, demographic, economic, and statistical information and evidence to develop, issue or inform the public of the nature and bases of Federal agency rules and guidance, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–475, Part 1); Supplemental report on H.R. 615, to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from prohibiting the use of lead ammunition or tackle on certain Federal land or water under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–203, Part 2);

H.R. 7109, to require a citizenship question on the decennial census, to require reporting on certain census statistics, and to modify apportionment of Representatives to be based on United States citizens instead of all persons, with amendments (H. Rept. 118–476); and

H. Res. 1173, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 615) to prohibit the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture from prohibiting the use of lead ammunition or tackle on certain Federal land or water under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2925) to amend the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 to provide for security of tenure for use of mining claims for ancillary activities, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3195) to rescind Public Land Order 7917, to reinstate mineral leases and permits in the Superior National Forest, to ensure timely review of Mine Plans of Operations, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 764) to require the Secretary of the Interior to reissue regulations removing the gray wolf from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3397) to require the Director of the Bureau of Land Management to withdraw a rule of the Bureau of Land Management relating to conservation and landscape health; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6285) to ratify and approve all authorizations, permits, verifications, extensions, biological opinions, incidental take statements, and any other approvals or orders issued pursuant to Federal law necessary for the establishment and administration of the Coastal Plain oil and gas leasing program, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6090) to provide for the consideration of a definition of antisemitism set forth by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance for the

enforcement of Federal antidiscrimination laws concerning education programs or activities, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–477). **Page H2699**

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Ezell to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2637**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 12:17 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H2639**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 2:02 p.m. and reconvened at 3:29 p.m. **Page H2639**

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

***Investing in All of America Act:*** H.R. 5333, amended, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to exclude from the limit on leverage certain amounts invested in smaller enterprises located in rural or low-income areas and small businesses in critical technology areas; **Pages H2639–42**

***Agency Accountability Act of 2024:*** H.R. 7103, to amend the Small Business Act to require Federal agencies to testify and report on scores received under the scorecard program for evaluating Federal agency compliance with small business contracting goals, to testify for failure to meet Governmentwide contracting goals; **Pages H2642–43**

***Entrepreneurs with Disabilities Reporting Act of 2024:*** H.R. 7985, to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to submit to Congress a report on the entrepreneurial challenges facing entrepreneurs with a disability; **Pages H2643–45**

***Plain Language in Contracting Act:*** H.R. 7987, to require plain language and the inclusion of key words in covered notices that are clear, concise, and accessible to small business concerns; **Pages H2645–46**

***Fire Weather Development Act:*** H.R. 4866, amended, to direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to establish a program to improve fire weather and fire environment forecasting, detection, and local collaboration, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 341 yeas to 48 nays, Roll No. 153; **Pages H2646–51, H2687–88**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To direct the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administrator to improve fire weather and fire environment forecasting, detection, and local collaboration, and for other purposes.”; **Page H2646**

***Clean Energy Demonstration Transparency Act:*** H.R. 1069, amended, to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to require reporting regarding clean energy demonstration projects; **Pages H2651–52**

***Privacy Enhancing Technology Research Act:*** H.R. 4755, amended, to support research on privacy enhancing technologies and promote responsible data use, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 354 yeas to 36 nays, Roll No. 154; **Pages H2652–54**

***Congressional Budget Office Data Sharing Act:*** H.R. 7032, to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to provide the Congressional Budget Office with necessary authorities to expedite the sharing of data from executive branch agencies; **Pages H2679–83**

***Revising Existing Procedures On Reporting via Technology Act:*** S. 474, to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen reporting to the CyberTipline related to online sexual exploitation of children, to modernize liabilities for such reports, to preserve the contents of such reports for 1 year; **Pages H2683–85**

***Daniel J. Harvey, Jr. and Adam Lambert Improving Servicemember Transition to Reduce Veteran Suicide Act:*** H.R. 3722, amended, to require a pilot program on activities under the pre-separation transition process of members of the Armed Forces for a reduction in suicide among veterans; and **Pages H2691–93**

***Veterans Education Transparency and Training Act:*** H.R. 5914, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the processes to approve programs of education for purposes of the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Pages H2693–95**

**Moment of Silence:** The House observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the Honorable Donald M. Payne, Jr. **Page H2688**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. tomorrow, April 30th. **Page H2689**

**Expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable Donald M. Payne, Jr.:** The House agreed to H. Res. 1172, expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives on the death of the Honorable Donald M. Payne, Jr. **Page H2689**

**Extending Limits of U.S. Customs Waters Act:** The House considered H.R. 529, to extend the customs waters of the United States from 12 nautical miles to 24 nautical miles from the baselines of the United States, consistent with Presidential Proclamation 7219. Further consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, April 30th. **Pages H2689–91**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee

on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H2689**

H. Res. 1137, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 7888), (H.R. 529), (H. Res. 1112), and (H. Res. 1117), was agreed to Friday, April 12th.

**Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed:** The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

***Carbon Sequestration Collaboration Act:*** H.R. 4824, amended, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to require the Secretary of Energy to carry out terrestrial carbon sequestration research and development activities; **Pages H2654–56**

***Abandoned Well Remediation Research and Development Act:*** H.R. 4877, amended, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to direct the Secretary of Energy to carry out a research, development, and demonstration program with respect to abandoned wells; **Pages H2656–58**

***Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Reauthorization Act:*** H.R. 6093, amended, to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s weather research, support improvements in weather forecasting and prediction, expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data; **Pages H2658–76**

***Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration Act:*** H.R. 3738, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration; **Pages H2685–87**

***Veteran Fraud Reimbursement Act:*** H.R. 4016, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the repayment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of benefits misused by a fiduciary; and **Pages H2695–96**

***Amending title 38, United States Code, to provide that educational assistance paid under Department of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs to an individual who pursued a program or course of education that was suspended or terminated for certain reasons shall not be charged against the entitlement of the individual:*** H.R. 1767, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that educational assistance paid under Department of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs to an individual who pursued a program or course of education that was suspended or terminated for certain reasons shall not be charged against the entitlement of the individual. **Pages H2696–98**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two ye-a-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2687–88 and H2688–89.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 p.m. and adjourned at 8:21 p.m., pursuant to House Resolution 1172, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Honorable Donald M. Payne, Jr.

## Committee Meetings

**WESTERN ECONOMIC SECURITY TODAY ACT OF 2024; ALASKA’S RIGHT TO PRODUCE ACT OF 2023; SUPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST RESTORATION ACT; MINING REGULATORY CLARITY ACT OF 2024; PROTECTING ACCESS FOR HUNTERS AND ANGLERS ACT OF 2023; TRUST THE SCIENCE ACT; ANTISEMITISM AWARENESS ACT OF 2023**

**Committee on Rules:** Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3397, the “Western Economic Security Today Act of 2024”; H.R. 6285, the “Alaska’s Right to Produce Act of 2023”; H.R. 3195, the “Superior National Forest Restoration Act”; H.R. 2925, the “Mining Regulatory Clarity Act of 2024”; H.R. 615, the “Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act of 2023”; H.R. 764, the “Trust the Science Act”; and H.R. 6090, the “Antisemitism Awareness Act of 2023”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 7–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 615, the “Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act of 2023”, H.R. 2925, the “Mining Regulatory Clarity Act of 2024”, H.R. 3195, the “Superior National Forest Restoration Act”, H.R. 764, the “Trust the Science Act”, H.R. 3397, the “Western Economic Security Today Act of 2024”, H.R. 6285, the “Alaska’s Right to Produce Act of 2023”, and H.R. 6090, the “Antisemitism Awareness Act of 2023”. The rule provides for consideration provides for consideration of H.R. 615, the “Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act of 2023”, H.R. 2925, the “Mining Regulatory Clarity Act of 2024”, and H.R. 3195, the “Superior National Forest Restoration Act”, under closed rules. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of each bill. The rule provides that the respective amendments in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in each bill shall be considered as adopted and each bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in each bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate on each bill equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees. The rule

provides each bill one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 764, the “Trust the Science Act”, 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 one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 3397, the “WEST Act of 2023”, a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118–32 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 6285, the “Alaska’s Right to Produce Act of 2023”, under a structured rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill, modified by 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 provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees. The rule further makes in order only the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each amendment shall be considered 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. All points of order against the amendment printed in part B of the report are waived. The rule provides one motion to recommit. The rule further provides for consider-

ation of H.R. 6090, the “Antisemitism Awareness Act of 2023”, 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 one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Westerman, and Representatives Ocasio-Cortez, Fry, Nadler, Graves of Louisiana, and Stauber.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Education, 10 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2:30 p.m., SD–138.

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the Department of Defense’s efforts to ensure servicemembers’ access to safe, high-quality pharmaceuticals, 2:30 p.m., SR–232A.

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy, to hold hearings to examine U.S. policy on Taiwan, 2:30 p.m., SD–419.

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law, to hold hearings to examine the NO FAKES Act, focusing on protecting Americans from unauthorized digital replicas, 2:30 p.m., SD–226.

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 3:30 p.m., SH–219.

*United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control:* to hold hearings to examine Chinese money laundering organizations, focusing on cleaning cartel cash, 2 p.m., SD–608.

#### House

*Committee on Appropriations,* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Environmental Protection Agency, 10 a.m., 2008 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the National Guard and Reserves Forces, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, budget hearing on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 10:30 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Homeland Security, budget hearing on the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Defense, budget hearing on the U.S. Air Force and U.S. Space Force, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

*Committee on Armed Services*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request”, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Readiness, hearing entitled “Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request for Military Readiness”, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, hearing entitled “FY25 Budget Request for Nuclear Forces and Atomic Energy Defense Activities”, 3:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

*Committee on Energy and Commerce*, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals to Increase Medicaid Access and Improve Program Integrity”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Innovation, Data, and Commerce, hearing entitled “Preserving Americans’ Access to AM Radio”, 10:30 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration*, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 7592, a bill to replace the requirement for the Library of Congress to prepare hardbound versions of the Constitution Annotated and supplements with a requirement to instead prepare and publish digital versions online; H.R. 7593, the “Modernizing the Congressional Research Service’s Access to Data Act”; Committee Resolution 118-33, Resolution to Approve Allocation from the Paid House Committee Internship Program to Committees for 2024; and Committee Resolution 118-34, Resolution to Amend the Members’ Congressional Handbook (authorizing co-sponsored constituent service events and making other Handbook revisions), 10:15 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary*, Subcommittee on Crime and Federal Government Surveillance, hearing entitled “Overreach: An Examination of Federal Statutory and Regulatory Crimes”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Natural Resources*, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Examining the Influence of Extreme Environmental Activist Groups in the Department of the Interior”, 10:15 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 2687, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to aged, blind, or disabled Alaska Natives or descendants of Alaska Natives from being used to determine eligibility for certain programs, and for other purposes; and H.R. 7516, the “Purchased and Referred Care Improvement Act of 2024”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “A Focus on Management: Oversight of the Office of Management and Budget”, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services, hearing entitled “Health of the Commercial Real Estate Markets and Removing Regulatory Hurdles to Ensure Continued Strength”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “An Overview of the Budget Proposal for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for Fiscal Year 2025”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

*Committee on Small Business*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Under the Microscope: Examining FinCEN’s Implementation of the Corporate Transparency Act”, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure*, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit, hearing entitled “It’s Electric: A Review of Fleet Electrification Efforts”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, hearing entitled “Review of Fiscal Year 2025 Maritime Transportation Budget Requests, Pt. 1: Maritime Administration and Federal Maritime Commission”, 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

*Committee on Ways and Means*, Full Committee, hearing entitled “President’s Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request and Treasury Green Book with Treasury Secretary Yellen”, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence*, Subcommittee on Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture, hearing entitled “FY 2025 General Defense Intelligence Program (GDIP) Budget Request”, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This hearing is closed.

Subcommittee on Central Intelligence Agency, hearing entitled “FY 2025 Central Intelligence Agency Budget Request”, 2 p.m., HVC-304. This hearing is closed.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Tuesday, April 30

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Georgia N. Alexakis, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Tuesday, April 30

## House Chamber

**Program for Tuesday:** Complete consideration of H.R. 529—Extending Limits of U.S. Customs Waters Act.

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