

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### Routine Proceedings, pages S3295–S3371

Measures Introduced: Twenty-eight bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4237–4264, S.J. Res. 76, S. Res. 669–675, and S. Con. Res. 34–35. Pages S3316–17

#### Measures Reported:

S. 3738, to reauthorize the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Page S3316

#### Measures Passed:

**Captain Elwin Shopteese VA Clinic:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3249, to designate the outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Wyandotte County, Kansas City, Kansas, as the "Captain Elwin Shopteese VA Clinic", and the bill was then passed. Page S3367

**Charlie Dowd VA Clinic:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3285, to rename the community-based outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Butte, Montana, as the "Charlie Dowd VA Clinic", and the bill was then passed. Page S3367

**John Gibson, Dan James, William Sapp, and Frankie Smiley VA Clinic:** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 593, to rename the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Hinesville, Georgia, as the "John Gibson, Dan James, William Sapp, and Frankie Smiley VA Clinic", and the bill was then passed. Page S3367

**Authorizing the Use of Emancipation Hall:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 89, authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust. Pages S3367–68

**Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 34, establishing the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies for the inauguration of the Presi-

dent-elect and Vice President-elect of the United States on January 20, 2025. Page S3368

**Authorizing the Use of the Rotunda and Emancipation Hall:** Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 35, authorizing the use of the rotunda and Emancipation Hall of the Capitol by the Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies in connection with the proceedings and ceremonies conducted for the inauguration of the President-elect and the Vice President-elect of the United States. Page S3368

**Second Chance Month:** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 652, designating April 2024 as "Second Chance Month", and the resolution was then agreed to. Page S3368

**National Small Business Week:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 671, expressing support for the designation of the week of April 28, 2024, through May 4, 2024, as "National Small Business Week" to celebrate the contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in every community in the United States. Page S3368

**National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 672, recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. Page S3368

**National Minority Health Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 675, promoting minority health awareness and supporting the goals and ideals of National Minority Health Month in April 2024, which include bringing attention to the health disparities faced by minority populations of the United States such as American Indians, Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, African Americans, Hispanics, and Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders. Page S3368

**National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 674, designating May 5, 2024, as the "National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls". Pages S3368–69

**Honoring the life of Former Senator David Hampton Pryor:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 673, honoring the life of David Hampton Pryor, former United States Senator for the State of Arkansas.

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**Measures Considered:**

**Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act—Agreement:** Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 3935, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, after agreeing to the motion to proceed and taking action on the following motions and amendments proposed thereto: Pages S3295–3305

Pending:

Schumer (for Murray) Amendment No. 1292, in the nature of a substitute. Page S3305

Schumer Amendment No. 1293 (to Amendment No. 1292), to add an effective date. Page S3305

Schumer motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with instructions, Schumer Amendment No. 1294, to add an effective date. Page S3305

Schumer Amendment No. 1295 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 1294), to modify the effective date. Page S3305

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

By 81 yeas to 10 nays (Vote No. 158), Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. Page S3305

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Donna Ann Welton, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, and that Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 5:30 p.m.; and that upon disposition of the nomination, Senate resume consideration of H.R. 3935. Page S3369

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Stephanie Syptak-Ramnath, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru.

Cynthia Kierscht, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Djibouti.

Robert David Gioia, of New York, to be a Commissioner on the part of the United States on the International Joint Commission, United States and Canada.

John Joseph Sullivan, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years.

Laura Stone, of Utah, to be Ambassador to the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

Joann M. Lockard, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Burkina Faso.

Cardell Kenneth Richardson, Sr., of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of State.

Kamala Shirin Lakhdir, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia.

Jennifer M. Adams, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde.

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.

Lisa Peterson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Burundi.

Richard H. Riley IV, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia.

Elizabeth Rood, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan.

Mark Toner, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia.

Pamela M. Tremont, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe.

31 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

7 Army nominations in the rank of general.

14 Coast Guard nominations in the rank of admiral.

4 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

7 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

2 Space Force nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Foreign Service, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force.

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

Marcus D. Graham, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, for a term expiring May 21, 2028.

Tonya Parran Wilkerson, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security.

Ronald L. Batory, of New Mexico, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Elaine Marie Clegg, of Idaho, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years.

Matthew Kaplan, of Maryland, to be Federal Co-chairperson of the Great Lakes Authority.

Abigail L. Dressel, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Angola, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe.

James Holtsnider, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Samoa. **Page S3369**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—158) **Page S3305**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late former Senator David Hampton Pryor, in accordance with S. Res. 673, at 4 p.m., until 9 a.m. on Friday, May 3, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3369.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

#### APPROPRIATIONS: DOT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Pete Buttigieg, Secretary of Transportation.

#### APPROPRIATIONS: VA

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025, and fiscal year 2026 advance appropriations requests, for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Denis McDonough, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

#### WORLDWIDE THREATS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine worldwide threats, after receiving testimony from Avril D. Haines, Director of National Intelligence; and Lieu-

tenant General Jeffrey A. Kruse, USAF, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense.

#### SHRINKFLATION

*Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine how shrinkflation and technology impact consumers' finances, including S. 3819, to direct the Federal Trade Commission to issue regulations to establish shrinkflation as an unfair or deceptive act or practice, S. 3803, to make price gouging unlawful, to expand the ability of the Federal Trade Commission to seek permanent injunctions and equitable relief, and S. 346, to establish the Office of the Special Investigator for Competition Matters within the Department of Agriculture, after receiving testimony from Bilal Baydoun, Groundwork Collaborative, Washington, D.C.; and Ali R. Bustamante, Roosevelt Institute, and Allison Schrager, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, both of New York, New York.

#### BROADBAND AFFORDABILITY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Communications, Media, and Broadband concluded a hearing to examine the future of broadband affordability, after receiving testimony from Jennifer Case Nevarez, Community Learning Network, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Kathryn de Wit, The Pew Charitable Trusts, Washington, D.C.; Blair Levin, New Street Research, Chevy Chase, Maryland; and Paul Winfree, Economic Policy Innovation Center, Fairfax, Virginia.

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR 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 the Interior, after receiving testimony from Deb Haaland, Secretary of the Interior.

#### MINORITY HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine what Congress can do to address the severe shortage of minority health care professionals and the maternal health crisis, after receiving testimony from Senator Butler; Representative Burgess; Yolanda Lawson, National Medical Association, Dallas, Texas; Samuel David Cook, The Morehouse School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia; Michael Galvez, Valley Children's Hospital, Madera, California; Jaines Andrades, Baystate Health, Springfield, Massachusetts; and Brian Stone, Jasper Urology Associates, Jasper, Alabama.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 21 public bills, H.R. 8222–8242; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 1192, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Johnson (SD) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** There were no yea and nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

## *Committee Meetings*

No hearings were held.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

9 a.m., Friday, May 3

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12 noon, Monday, May 6

**Senate Chamber**

**Program for Friday:** Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

**House Chamber**

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

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