

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S4061–S4098*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-five bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4529–4553, S.J. Res. 97, and S. Res. 732–736. **Pages S4084–85**

**Measures Passed:**

***U.S. Flag and the Pledge of Allegiance:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 732, celebrating the 247th anniversary of the creation of the flag of the United States and expressing support for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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***Glioblastoma Awareness Day:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 735, designating July 17, 2024, as “Glioblastoma Awareness Day”.

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***Foreign Extortion Prevention Technical Corrections Act:*** Senate passed S. 4548, to make a technical correction to the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024 by repealing section 5101 and enacting an updated version of the Foreign Extortion Prevention Act.

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**Measures Considered:**

***Right to IVF Act:*** Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 4445, to protect and expand nationwide access to fertility treatment, including in vitro fertilization.

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

By 48 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 197), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Senator Schumer entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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***Office of Congressional Workplace Rights—Agreement:*** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the notice of proposed rule-making from the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights be printed in the Record.

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***Fire Grants and Safety Act—Agreement:*** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, it be in order for the Chair to lay before the Senate the House message to accompany S. 870, to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration and firefighter assistance grant programs, and the Leader, or his designee, be recognized to make a motion to concur in the House amendments; that there be up to two hours of debate, equally divided, and upon the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on the motion to concur in the House amendments without further intervening action of debate.

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***Message from the President:*** Senate received the following messages 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 Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008, with respect to North Korea; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–56)

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Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, with respect to Belarus; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–57)

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Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001, with respect to the Western Balkans; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–58)

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***Oler Nomination—Cloture:*** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Katherine E. Oler, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, June 13, 2024, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2024. **Page S4076**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4076**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Senate resume consideration of the nomination at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, June 17, 2024; and that the motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, June 13, 2024 ripen at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2024. **Page S4097**

**Kasubhai Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mustafa Taher Kasubhai, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon. **Page S4076**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Katherine E. Oler, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. **Page S4076**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S4076**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S4076**

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

By 63 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. EX. 196), Judy W. Chang, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for a term expiring June 30, 2029. **Pages S4064–66**

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

Caroline A. Crenshaw, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission for a term expiring June 5, 2029.

Gordon I. Ito, of Hawaii, to be a Member of the Financial Stability Oversight Council for a term of six years.

Kristin N. Johnson, of Georgia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Christy Goldsmith Romero, of Virginia, to be Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Federal

Deposit Insurance Corporation for a term of five years.

Christy Goldsmith Romero, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for the remainder of the term expiring December 21, 2028.

Mary Kathleen Costello, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Laura Margarete Provinzino, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

Noel Wise, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral. **Page S4098**

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**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—197) **Pages S4066, S4075**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:09 p.m., until 3 p.m. on Monday, June 17, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4098.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: SEC AND CFTC

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after receiving testimony from Gary Gensler, Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission; and Rostin Behnam, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, “National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2025”.

**FAA OVERSIGHT OF AVIATION MANUFACTURING**

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine FAA oversight of aviation manufacturing, after receiving testimony from Michael Whitaker, Administrator, Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation.

**BLM OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Bureau of Land Management, after receiving testimony from Tracy Stone-Manning, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on Finance:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of James R. Ives, of Virginia, to be Inspector General, Department of the Treasury, and Rose E. Jenkins, of the District of Co-

lumbia, Adam B. Landy, of South Carolina, and Kashi Way, of Maryland, each to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court.

**NOMINATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jennifer D. Gavito, of Colorado, to be Ambassador to the State of Libya, Joshua M. Harris, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the People’s Democratic Republic of Algeria, Peter W. Lord, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Juan Carlos Iturregui, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Dominican Republic, and Tracey Ann Jacobson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq, all of the Department of State, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported S. 4199, to authorize additional district judges for the district courts and convert temporary judgeships, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

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# House of Representatives

*Chamber Action*

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 26 public bills, H.R. 8723–8748; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 167; and H. Res. 1297–1300, 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 Van Drew to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 4:04 p.m. and reconvened at 4:31 p.m.

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*Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025:* The House considered H.R. 8070, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of

the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, June 14th.

**Pages H3990–H4036, H4036–47**

Agreed to:

Luna amendment (No. 47 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–551) that prohibits the promotion of critical race theory and associated race-based theories;

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Ogles amendment (No. 51 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–551) that is a Prohibition on Mask Mandate to Prevent the Spread of COVID–19 on a Military Installation in the United States;

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Breechen amendment (No. 54 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–551) that prohibits drag shows, drag queen story hours, and similar events;

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Rogers (AL) en bloc amendment No. 2 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–551: Rogers (AL) en bloc amendment No. 2 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–551: Boebert (No. 4)

that prohibits DoD from contracting with entities that are engaged in a boycott of the state of Israel; Curtis (No. 9) that prohibits the Secretary of Defense from knowingly permitting the sale, at a commissary store or military exchange, of any good, ware, article, or merchandise from any company that has engaged in or engages in a boycott of the State of Israel; Biggs (No. 10) that expresses a sense of Congress about the importance of the U.S.-Israel relationship and the need to continue offering security assistance and related support; Ogles (No. 18) that states no funds authorized by this Act may be used to carry out any provision of law that diverts away funds appropriated for assistance for the Indo-Pacific region through September 30, 2025; Davidson (No. 38) that prohibits funding to Ukraine until the President submits a strategy to Congress for U.S. involvement in Ukraine; Gosar (No. 39) that prohibits the administration from diverting any funds from barracks construction for U.S. troops to facilitate further aid to Ukraine; Rosendale (No. 57) that amends Section 1021(b) of the FY12 NDAA to limit the authority of the U.S. military to indefinitely detain individuals pursuant to the 2001 AUMF, to exclude American citizens from being subject to detention; McCormick (No. 58) that amends Section 565—Transition Assistance Program: Department of Labor Employment Navigator and Partnership Pilot Program—to provide for a coordination partner for the implementation of such program; Donalds (No. 61) that requires the Department of Defense use the term “Taiwan” instead of the term “Chinese Taipei”; Luttrell (No. 118) that requires the Secretary of Defense, acting through the Chief Data and Artificial Intelligence Officer, to coordinate and accelerate the adoption of large language models by the Department of Defense by improving the access and quality of the existing structured and unstructured data of the Department to ensure such data is immediately ready to use in conjunction with machine learning applications being developed, tested, or in production by the Armed Forces; Donalds (No. 119) that establishes a comprehensive, forward-looking national strategy to deploying advanced portable nuclear microreactors to assist with natural disaster response efforts; Green (TN) (No. 120) that directs the Commander of Army Special Operations Command to establish an exchange program between Army special operations forces and the special operations forces of the Polish Army; Bilirakis (No. 121) that requires a report on multilateral exercises in the Eastern Mediterranean; Gottheimer (No. 122) that authorizes a Report Authored by the Secretary of Defense to study steps Israel, the U.S., and Egypt can take to enhance international security measures on the Gaza-Egypt border to ensure Hamas and

other actors cannot use tunnels or methods via the Mediterranean Sea to smuggle weapons and illicit goods; Self (No. 123) that Names the Spearhead-class expeditionary fast transport vessel that has been ordered (Hull Number T-EPP-16) after Lieutenant General Richard E. Carey; Green (TN) (No. 124) that Mandates that the Department of Defense produce a report to Congress on the feasibility of furnishing the national guard of every state a cyber unit to ensure the state has the ability to quickly respond to cyber attacks; Frost (No. 125) that requires the Department of Defense and Armed Services Inspectors General to evaluate and report the cost of financial investigations and the amount directly or indirectly recovered through financial investigations; Tenney (No. 126) that closes loopholes for child predators under the Uniform Code of Military Justice by ensuring that existing enhanced penalties for sexual crimes involving children are applied equally to all sexual predators; Green (TN) (No. 127) that requires the Secretary of Defense to ensure that the Department maintains access to a top-tier subterranean training facility for the improvement of training for Special Operations Forces (SOF) units; Roy (No. 128) that states that none of the funds authorized to the Department of Defense or otherwise made available by this Act may be made available directly or indirectly to the Government of Iran; Roy (No. 129) that Requires DOD to submit a detailed justification for the Department’s yearly end strength request; Budzinski (No. 130) that requires the Department of Defense to issue regulations to the Department of the Army to ensure all boots are Berry-amendment compliant and meet the highest quality and performance standards; Porter (No. 131) that requires the screening and registry of individuals with health conditions resulting from unsafe housing units; Salazar (No. 132) that requires the Armed Forces Pest Management Board to conduct a study on the use and presence of herbicide agents and toxic chemicals by the Department in the Panama Canal Zone during the period beginning on January 1, 1958, and ending on December 31, 1999; Perry (No. 133) that makes it the policy of the United States to reject any attempt by the People’s Republic of China to mandate that U.S. vessels provide them with information about U.S. vessels (ship name, call sign, location, type of cargo) in areas that China illegally includes as part of its maritime claims; Bowman (No. 135) that requires a report on military recruitment practices in public secondary schools; Pappas (No. 136) that requires the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Entrepreneurial Development at the Small Business Administration and the

Director of Small Business Programs at the Department of Defense to submit to a report on the memorandum of understanding between the agencies; Guest (No. 137) that prohibits the Secretary of the Air Force from using a programmatic basing decision for strategic basing and requires the Secretary of the Air Force, within 30 days of enactment, to update the Department of the Air Force's instruction or other policy to include this prohibition; Ogles (No. 138) that directs the Secretary of Defense to invite the naval forces of Taiwan to any Rim of the Pacific exercise that is to take place following enactment of this Act; Ogles (No. 139) that amends Section 1259 of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 to add another contingency on PRC eligibility to participate in Rim of the Pacific Exercises: holding an internationally recognized free and fair presidential election; Lee (NV) (No. 140) that requires the Director of the Defense Health Agency (DHA), in collaboration with certain military medical treatment facilities, to submit a report to Congress on the provision of emergency and trauma care to civilian patients; Himes (No. 141) that expresses the sense of Congress the importance of comprehensive cislunar Space Domain Awareness capabilities and the need to ensure the safety of flight of civil and commercial missions in cislunar space; Biggs (No. 142) that requires the Department of Defense to perform an audit; Wenstrup (No. 143) that directs the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study regarding the immune response levels of servicemembers to COVID-19 infection and vaccination, specifically including testing to detect nucleocapsid protein immunoglobulin-G antibodies and to detect T-cell immune response; Biggs (No. 144) that requires the Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, and United States Agency for International Development to submit to Congress a report on agreements made by the United States with the Taliban; Ogles (No. 145) that on Page 599, Line 15, inserts the words "classified or" before "unclassified", permitting DOD decisions/justifications on designating particular Chinese Military Companies to remain classified; Austin Scott (GA) (No. 146) that modifies Section 9062 of 10 USC (Composition of the Air Force) to include the Air Force's Air Logistics Complexes; Norman (No. 147) that requires the cost of any project funded with financial support from the DOD to disclose the cost to taxpayers; Norman (No. 148) that authorizes the President to award Major James Capers Jr. the Medal of Honor for acts of valor as a member of the Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, in which he was awarded the Silver Star; Aderholt (No. 149) that tasks the Under Secretary for Defense and Acquisition to incorporate global demand into program

guidance for major defense acquisition programs. Ensures that programs plan for the complete demands on the U.S. defense industrial base beyond domestic requirements; Pascrell (No. 150) that requires the Department of Defense to conduct a study to determine the feasibility of eliminating outpatient rehabilitation therapy maximums for active-duty service members who suffered a traumatic brain injury while exercising their official duties; Pascrell (No. 151) that requires the Department of Defense to conduct a study to analyze the feasibility of recognizing the approval of non-governmental accreditation bodies for transitional and residential brain injury treatment programs for active-duty service members that sustained a brain injury while completing their official duties; Porter (No. 152) that requires a GAO report on the implementation of the adjudication process for military medical malpractice claims; Pascrell (No. 153) that requires the Department of Defense to develop a Traumatic Brain Injury Oversight Strategy and Action Plan to standardize identification, treatment, tracking, monitoring and referral guidelines for Traumatic Brain Injury programs across all military branches; Norman (No. 154) that establishes that it is the sense of Congress that the Secretary of the Navy shall name a vessel of the United States Navy the "U.S.S. Major James Capers Jr."; Rodgers (WA) (No. 155) that expresses a sense of Congress regarding military service by individuals with amputations; Rodgers (WA) (No. 156) that changes the way the Soldier's Medal affects military retirement pay; Curtis (No. 157) that modifies and updates a report regarding Iranian involvement in the narcotics trade; Higgins (LA) (No. 158) that prohibits the Department of Defense from contracting with shipyards controlled by a foreign adversary; Casten (IL) (No. 159) that requires the DOD and HHS to collaborate on a study of barriers to mental health care for military pilots, aviators, and air traffic controllers, and report to congress on their recommendations to address these barriers; Radewagen (No. 160) that requires the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on the feasibility of establishing a unit of the National Guard in the territories of American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Davis (IL) (No. 161) that modifies the Department's Adoption Reimbursement Program, authorized under Section 1052 of Title 10, to increase the authorized allotment Members of the Armed Forces are eligible to receive per adoption and grants the Sec. of Defense the authority to advance or reimburse funds to pre-adoptive servicemembers; Pascrell (No. 162) that requires the Department of Defense to conduct a study to analyze the enhancement of diagnostic screening tools for traumatic brain injury (TBI), including identifying point-of-injury solutions

for TBI testing to improve the medical care available to forward-deployed units; Stauber (No. 163) that increases (with an offset to Defense-wide RDT&E) Army RDT&E funding by \$5 million for the demonstration of high-pressure waterjet cut and capture system to demilitarize underwater munitions; Porter (No. 164) that requires a study on the feasibility and effectiveness of routine neuroimaging modalities in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of brain injury among servicemembers due to blast pressure exposure during combat and training; Alford (No. 165) that revises the DoD Small Business Strategy Reporting Requirements; Grothman (No. 166) that requires the Secretary of Defense to ensure that, to the extent practicable, commercial positions in the Department of Defense are filled by civilian employees or contractors rather than a member of the Armed Forces; Porter (No. 167) that states the DOD Secretary, acting through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, shall issue guidance on how DOD will—(1) categorize all spare parts in the global spares pool and hold them accountable under a contract (2) consider a spare part asset to be government-furnished property (3) make contractors report government-owned global spares pool losses of spare parts that are not accountable under a contract, until all spare parts in the global spares pool are made accountable under a contract and losses are entered into the GFP Module for DCMA's adjudication (4) provide disposition instructions, consistent with federal regulations, for spare parts in the global spares pool that are excess, obsolete, or unserviceable until such parts are entered into the GFP Module for disposition; Carter (No. 168) that prohibits any funding from cutting services provided by Combat Readiness Training Centers operated by the U.S. Air National Guard; Mast (No. 169) that clarifies that the Secretary of each Military Department retains personal responsibility and authority over a service member that is under consideration by a medical evaluation board or while subject to the Integrated Disability Evaluation System; Stanton (No. 170) that requires the Secretary of Defense to conduct a study on what off-the-shelf information technology products the Department of Defense uses that are manufactured, produced, or assembled by entities subject to the control of a foreign adversary; Schneider (No. 171) that instructs the SBA Administrator to carry out a program to be known as 'Boots to Business Program' to provide entrepreneurship training to covered individuals; Larsen (WA) (No. 172) that requires DoDEA to provide an introduction on artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML); Eshoo (No. 173) that expresses the sense of Congress that the Navy should name a future commissioned ship after William B. Gould, a

formerly enslaved sailor who served in the Navy during the Civil War; Larsen (WA) (No. 174) that requires the military branches to provide an online distance education course on artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML); Cartwright (No. 175) that requires Department of Defense (DoD) officials to submit to Congress information regarding the minimum annual investment in DoD depots and industrial facilities needed to prevent further infrastructure deterioration; and Kuster (NH) (No. 176) that requires the National Guard Bureau to submit an annual report to Congress on the number of national guard members who received sexual assault prevention and response training; **Pages H4014–28**

Rogers (AL) en bloc amendment No. 3 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–551: Rogers (AL) en bloc amendment No. 3 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–551: Porter (No. 177) requiring reporting of open interface standards; Waltz (No. 178) that requires an assessment and report by TRANSCOM on the Global Household Goods Contract during peak season; Calvert (No. 179) that modifies the Innovators Information Repository to include DIU and CDAO, plus periodic update requirements and a report to defense committees; Buchanan (No. 180) that requires the Secretary of the Navy to report to Congress on the benefits and feasibility of establishing a training and safety program for operating Assault Amphibious Vehicles; Molinaro (No. 181) that directs the Secretary of the Army to submit a report on the progress of the Black Hawk helicopter program; Molinaro (No. 182) that requires an updated report on the U.S. Bio-defense Strategy, including an assessment on the current and potential biological threats against the United States; Buchanan (No. 183) that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit a report to the House Armed Services Committee on the effectiveness of the Future Soldier Preparatory Course and include recommendations on actions to improve or expand the program; Molinaro (No. 184) that directs the DoD's Chief Artificial Intelligence Office to report to Congress on the effectiveness of the agency's current AI workforce and identify gaps in skills and training required to preserve the United States' global technological competitiveness; Buchanan (No. 185) that mandates the Department of Defense to promptly notify the Department of Veterans Affairs about someone transitioning from active duty to a veteran with an opioid use disorder; Buchanan (No. 186) that requires the Department of Defense to conduct a study on the accessibility of mental health care providers and services for members of the Armed Forces serving on active duty; Buchanan (No.

187) that expresses a sense of Congress that the Secretary of Defense should raise the Family Separation Allowance to \$400 per month, as authorized by the FY24 National Defense Authorization Act; Buchanan (No. 188) that requires the Department of Defense to maintain prescription drop boxes on all military bases to allow for the safe disposal of unused prescription drugs, including opioids; James (No. 189) that states that upon the cancellation of FARA and UH-60V programs, the Army shall submit to the congressional defense committees a plan to field certain Army aviation components concurrently and proportionately in the Army National Guard; Reschenthaler (No. 191) that requires a report on security cooperation with the Government of the Turks and Caicos Islands and the treatment of and human rights abuses committed against U.S. citizens by the Government of Turks and Caicos Islands; Casar (No. 192) that requires a GAO study assessing the child care programs that exist across the Department of Defense including: Child Development Centers, Family Child Care, Military Child Care in Your Neighborhood, and Child Care in Your Home; Grothman (No. 193) that requires quarterly reporting from the Department to Congress on any instances of foreign actors infiltrating or attempting to infiltrate a military installation, facility, or real property under the jurisdiction of the Department; Jacobs (No. 194) that Amends Department of Defense annual reports on its Assessment, Monitoring, and Evaluation of security cooperation programs to include a description of challenges experienced in program execution; Meng (No. 195) that provides for hybrid or remote options for paid fellowship opportunities for military spouses through the Permanent Military Spouse Career Accelerator Program; Spartz (No. 196) that requires DoD IG to reconcile the numbers on U.S. aid to Ukraine; Case (No. 197) that directs the Department of Defense (DoD) to assess wildfire mitigation, response and recovery capabilities and shortfalls in Hawai'i; Crockett (No. 198) that Directs the Secretary, in consultation with ODNI, to provide Congress a report on the administrative and legal challenges that would need to be addressed by, as well as anticipated benefits from, any future legislation to accelerate security clearance reviews for military spouses by allowing information from the security clearance review of the married servicemember's Spousal Review to be used in the security clearance review of the military spouse; Lee (NV) (No. 199) that requires the Secretary of Defense to designate Creech Air Force Base, located in Indian Springs, Nevada, as a remote or isolated installation; Schneider (No. 200) that expands bereavement leave in connection with the death of a spouse or child for servicemembers from 2 to 12 weeks;

Moskowitz (No. 201) that requires an assessment of the accuracy of Gaza Ministry of Health Casualty Reporting; Torres (CA) (No. 202) that directs the Secretary of the Department of Defense to submit a report to Congress on transferring military acquired credentials to the civilian workforce; Barr (No. 203) that expresses a Sense of Congress Regarding the Feasibility Study for Blue Grass Army Depot and Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant; Fitzpatrick (No. 204) that makes a modification to multiyear procurement authority for certain critical minerals; Spartz (No. 205) that includes Oversight committees in briefings on DoD's financial audits; Davidson (No. 206) that reduces funding to the Office of the Secretary of Defense by 5 percent if they fail to submit reports to Congress required under Section 725 of the FY24 NDAA; Wenstrup (No. 207) that updates credentialing and privileging under the military health system to expand the recognition of board certification for physicians; Barr (No. 208) that directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretary of the Army, the Commanding General, Army Materiel Command and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology to develop a requirement for the establishment of a shipping container production facility within the United States at an Army installation found to meet feasibility and readiness goals; Sherrill (No. 209) that instructs the Department of Defense to conduct outreach to institutions of higher education to support their entrance into the Skillbridge Program as Skillbridge Program providers, through which they will connect transitioning servicemembers to in-demand employment and training opportunities; Pettersen (No. 210) that directs the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs to convene a working group of subject matter experts from the extramural community and Military Health System to develop a strategy and the medical research and development requirements to deliver pre-hospital, life-saving interventions in Arctic environments; Ciscomani (No. 211) that provides for the conveyance of land from Ft. Huachuca Army Installation in Sierra Vista, Arizona to the City of Sierra Vista; Pettersen (No. 212) that requires the National Guard Bureau to brief Congress on the effectiveness of existing child care support services provided to National Guard members during Weekend Drill commitments; Pfluger (No. 213) that requires Psychological Performance Training for US servicemembers to improve psychological health and overall member quality of life; Soto (No. 214) that authorizes an increase to the U.S. Air Force's Aerospace Propulsion program to support high-hypersonic detonation propulsion research and

technology with an offset to the Air Force's Administration account, an historically under executed account; Buchanan (No. 215) that requires the Secretary of Defense to create a strategy to support the transition of military aviation mechanics to commercial aviation mechanics after active duty service; Soto (No. 216) that authorizes an increase to the U.S. Army's Soldier Lethality Technology program to support adaptive and intelligent adversary-threat models with an offset to the Army's Other Personnel Support account, an historically under executed account; Austin Scott (GA) (No. 217) that requires a report from the Chief of Naval Operations, in consultation with the Commandant of the Coast Guard, on recommended modifications to the Expeditionary Transfer Dock Ships that will best enable at-sea sustainment of Joint Interagency Task Force South partner nation patrol vessels and United States Coast Guard Fast Response Cutters; Buchanan (No. 218) that requires the Secretary of Defense to report to Congress on military technology and weapons lost to the Taliban during the Afghanistan withdrawal; Schneider (No. 219) that requires a DOD briefing on Iranian support for nonstate actors in North Africa. Revision changes 'stop Iran' to 'deter Iran'; Buchanan (No. 220) that expresses the sense of Congress that the United States should remain committed to helping the Philippines maintain the safety and security of the Philippines, including helping the Philippines to defend against threats to such safety and security from China; Obernolte (No. 221) that directs the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the relevant Service Secretaries, to develop an assessment of the health care system supporting certain military installations in order to ensure adequate health care for the civilian and military workforce; Schneider (No. 222) that instructs Secretary of Defense and Director of DIA to advocate on the Foreign Threat Intelligence Committee for \$25,000,000 incentives for information regarding top Hamas terrorists; Buchanan (No. 223) that requires the Director of the Defense Health Agency to conduct a study and report to Congress on how the agency can increase access to telehealth services, including how telehealth can better mental health treatment outcomes; Smith (NJ) (No. 224) that requires the GAO to investigate the US Army's bio-weapons program from the years 1945–1972, specifically experiments regarding vector-borne diseases, including Lyme disease; Barr (No. 225) that directs the Defense Intelligence Agency to provide an annual assessment in the China Military Power Report (or other relevant publication) on China's investments and influence in the Pacific Islands and an assessment on how their activities have or have not impacted U.S. military strategy in the region, as it relates to the Pacific Is-

lands; Walberg (No. 226) that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit an annual report to Congress on DoD's assistance to USCBP and DHS to secure our northern border; Slotkin (No. 227) that requires a GAO report on how Federal agencies are collecting information on contractual conflicts of interest between the U.S. and Chinese governments; Burlison (No. 229) that authorizes the President to award the Medal of Honor to Chief Warrant Officer Gregory McManus; Schneider (No. 230) that recognizes the African Lion exercise hosted by Morocco and requires a report to Congress; Buchanan (No. 231) that requires the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress a plan and strategy to construct a memorial at the Arlington National Cemetery to commemorate the 13 servicemembers who died during the chaotic Afghanistan withdrawal; Golden (No. 232) that modifies the current Opt-in to an Opt-out option on the DD-2648 for sending transitioning servicemembers' information to state veterans' agencies to ensure servicemembers have the resources for a smooth transition to civilian life; Westerman (No. 233) that provides the state of Arkansas 3 years to request permanent ownership of the former Army Navy Hospital in Hot Springs, AR; Magaziner (No. 234) that requires TRICARE's managed care support contractors to keep provider directories up to date;

**Pages H4028–36**

Rosendale amendment (No. 52 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–551) that prohibits TRICARE from covering and the Department of Defense from furnishing gender transition surgeries and gender hormone treatments for individuals that identify as transgender (by a recorded vote of 213 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 262);

**Pages H4008–09, H4037–38**

Van Duyne amendment (No. 55 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–551) that prohibits the Secretary of Defense from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to abortion services (by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 207 noes, Roll No. 263);

**Pages H4012–14, H4038–39**

Grothman amendment (No. 41 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–551) that establishes a permanent hiring freeze for diversity, equity, and inclusion jobs in the Department (by a recorded vote of 216 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 265);

**Pages H3993–94, H4039–40**

Norman amendment (No. 42 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–551) that eliminates any offices of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion within the Armed Forces and Department of Defense along with the personnel in said offices (by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 208 noes, Roll No. 267); earlier, votes of the Delegates and Resident Commissioner were decisive on the previous vote (by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 266) and a separate vote in the House was required;

**Pages H3994–95, H4040–41**



Higgins (LA) amendment (No. 43 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–551) that eliminates the position of Chief Diversity Officer of the Department of Defense and prohibits the establishment of any substantially similar position (by a recorded vote of 214 ayes to 210 noes, Roll No. 268);

**Pages H3995–97, H4041–42**

Williams amendment (No. 45 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–551) that prohibits funding of companies who function to demonetize domestic entities based on their lawful speech (by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 270);

**Pages H3998–H4000, H4043**

Steube amendment (No. 46 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–551) that prohibits DODEA from purchasing, displaying, or maintaining material that promotes radical gender ideology or pornographic content (by a recorded vote of 221 ayes to 202 noes, Roll No. 271);

**Pages H4000–01, H4043–44**

Boebert amendment (No. 48 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–551) that is a prohibition on federal funding for the Countering Extremist Activity Working Group or implement any recommendations from the group (by a recorded vote of 215 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 272);

**Pages H4003–04, H4044–45**

Mills amendment (No. 49 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–551) that strikes exemption that allows military chain of command or senior civilian leadership to approve the display of unapproved flags at military installations (by a recorded vote of 217 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 273); and

**Pages H4004–06, H4045**

Norman amendment (No. 53 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–551) that prohibits the provision of gender transition procedures, including surgery or medication, through the Exceptional Family Medical Program (by a recorded vote of 218 ayes to 205 noes, Roll No. 275).

**Pages H4009–11, H4046–47**

Rejected:

Greene (GA) amendment (No. 37 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–551) that sought to provide that none of the funds made available by this Act may be used for assistance to Ukraine (by a recorded vote of 74 ayes to 343 noes, Roll No. 261);

**Pages H3990–91, H4037**

Gaetz amendment (No. 40 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–551) that sought prohibition on the transfer of cluster munitions (by a recorded vote of 134 ayes to 286 noes, Roll No. 264);

**Pages H3991–93, H4039**

Clyde amendment (No. 44 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–551) that sought to direct the Secretary of the Army to relocate the Reconciliation Memorial, also known as the Reconciliation Monument, to its original location in Arlington National

Cemetery (by a recorded vote of 192 ayes to 230 noes, Roll No. 269); and

**Pages H3997–98, H4042–43**

Waltz amendment (No. 50 printed in part B of H. Rept. 118–551) that sought to edit the provision signed into law in the FY24 NDAA, reverting it back to the House-passed language to create sex-neutral physical fitness standards for combat MOS (by a recorded vote of 205 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 274).

**Pages H4006–07, H4045–46**

H. Res. 1287, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8070) and relating to the consideration of House Report 118–527 and an accompanying resolution was agreed to yesterday, June 12th.

**Presidential Messages:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to North Korea declared in Executive Order 13466 of June 26, 2008, is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2024—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–146).

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001, is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2024—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–147).

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Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress that the national emergency with respect to Belarus declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, is to continue in effect beyond June 16, 2024—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 118–148).

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Fifteen recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4037, H4037–38, H4038–39, H4039, H4039–40, H4040–41, H4041, H4042, H4042–43, H4043, H4044, H4044–45, H4045, H4046, and H4046–47.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Appropriations:* Full Committee held a markup on the Defense Appropriations Bill, FY 2025; the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Bill, FY 2025; and the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2025. The Defense Appropriations Bill, FY 2025; the Financial Services and General Government Appropriations

Bill, FY 2025; and the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2025 were ordered reported, as amended.

#### **MEDICARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY: EXAMINING SOLVENCY AND IMPACTS TO THE FEDERAL BUDGET**

*Committee on the Budget:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Medicare and Social Security: Examining Solvency and Impacts to the Federal Budget”. Testimony was heard from Paul Spitalnic, Chief Actuary, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and Stephen Goss, Chief Actuary, Social Security Administration.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Education and Workforce:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 618, the “Improving Access to Workers’ Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act”; H.R. 8606, the “Never Again Education Reauthorization and Study Act of 2024”; H.R. 8648, the “Civil Rights Protection Act of 2024”; H.J. Res. 165, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Education relating to “Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities Receiving Federal Financial Assistance”; H.R. 6816, the “Promoting Responsible Oversight to Eliminate Communist Teachings for Our Kids Act”; H.R. 5567, the “Combating the Lies of Authoritarians in School Systems Act”; H.R. 8649, the “Transparency in Reporting of Adversarial Contributions to Education Act”; H.R. 7227, the “Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act of 2024”; and H.R. 8534, the “Protecting Student Athletes’ Economic Freedom Act”. H.J. Res. 165 was ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 618, H.R. 8606, H.R. 8648, H.R. 6816, H.R. 5567, H.R. 7227, H.R. 8649, and H.R. 8534 were ordered reported, as amended.

#### **CHECKING-IN ON CENTER FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID INNOVATION: ASSESSING THE TRANSITION TO VALUE-BASED CARE**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Checking-In on CMMI: Assessing the Transition to Value-Based Care”. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Fowler, Deputy Administrator and Director, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

#### **SECURING AMERICA’S CRITICAL MATERIALS SUPPLY CHAINS AND ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials held a hearing entitled “Securing America’s Critical Materials Supply Chains and Economic Leadership”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **THE SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Semi-Annual Report of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection”. Testimony was heard from Rohit Chopra, Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

#### **THE PLIGHT OF AMERICANS DETAINED ABROAD**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Accountability held a hearing entitled “The Plight of Americans Detained Abroad”. Testimony was heard from Rena Bitter, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; Roger D. Carstens, Special Presidential Envoy for Hostage Affairs, Department of State; and Raj Maan, Director, Hostage Recovery Fusion Cell, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

#### **A CASCADE OF SECURITY FAILURES: ASSESSING MICROSOFT CORPORATION’S CYBERSECURITY SHORTFALLS AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR HOMELAND SECURITY**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Cascade of Security Failures: Assessing Microsoft Corporation’s Cybersecurity Shortfalls and the Implications for Homeland Security”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **HEARING ON THE MANHATTAN DISTRICT ATTORNEY’S OFFICE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Hearing on the Manhattan District Attorney’s Office”. Testimony was heard from Andrew Bailey, Attorney General, Missouri; James E. Trainor III, Commissioner, Federal Election Commission; and public witnesses.

#### **EXAMINING GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE’S FINDINGS TO ADDRESS DATA GAPS AND IMPROVE DATA COLLECTION IN THE TERRITORIES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs held a hearing entitled “Examining GAO’s Findings to Address Data Gaps and

Improve Data Collection in the Territories”. Testimony was heard from Jacobo Orenstein-Cardona, Executive Assistant, Government of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico; Lola Leon Guerrero, Director, Government of Guam, Hagatna, Guam; Latesha Love-Grayer, Director, Government Accountability Office; Melissa Braybrooks, Economist, Department of the Interior; and public a witness.

#### **DESTROYING AMERICA’S BEST IDEA: BIDEN’S BORDER CRISIS, DESECRATING NATIONAL PARK LANDS AND DAMAGING COMMUNITIES**

*Committee on Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Destroying America’s Best Idea: Biden’s Border Crisis, Desecrating National Park Lands and Damaging Communities”. Testimony was heard from Jaime Williams, Assembly Member, 59th District, New York State Assembly, Brooklyn, New York; and public witnesses.

#### **WHAT WE HAVE HERE . . . IS A FAILURE TO COLLABORATE: REVIEW OF GAO’S ANNUAL DUPLICATION REPORT**

*Committee on Oversight and Accountability:* Subcommittee on Government Operations and the Federal Workforce held a hearing entitled “What We Have Here . . . is a Failure to Collaborate: Review of GAO’s Annual Duplication Report”. Testimony was heard from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General, Government Accountability Office.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 8613, the “NSF and USDA Interagency Research Act”; H.R. 8665, the “Supercritical Geothermal Research and Development Act”; H.R. 8673, the “Expanding Partnerships for Innovation and Competitiveness Act”; and H.R. 8674, the “Milestones for Advanced Nuclear Fuel Act”. H.R. 8613 and H.R. 8673 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 8665 and H.R. 8674 were ordered reported, without amendment.

#### **ENVIRONMENTALISM OFF THE RAILS: HOW CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD WILL CRIPPLE THE NATIONAL RAIL NETWORK**

*Committee on Science, Space, and Technology:* Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing entitled “Environmentalism Off the Rails: How CARB will Cripple the National Rail Network”. Testimony was heard from Alan Abbs, Legis-

lative Officer, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, California; and public witnesses.

#### **REVENUE, RIDERSHIP, AND POST-PANDEMIC LESSONS IN PUBLIC TRANSIT**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing entitled “Revenue, Ridership, and Post-Pandemic Lessons in Public Transit”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **A CALL TO ACTION: MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE SPINAL CORD INJURY DISORDERS (SCI/D) VETERAN COMMUNITY**

*Committee on Veterans’ Affairs:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “A Call to Action: Meeting the Needs of the Spinal Cord Injury Disorders (SCI/D) Veteran Community”. Testimony was heard from Erica Scavella, Assistant Under Secretary for Health for Clinical Services, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

#### **CRISIS ON CAMPUS: ANTISEMITISM, RADICAL FACULTY, AND THE FAILURE OF UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Crisis on Campus: Antisemitism, Radical Faculty, and the Failure of University Leadership”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### *Joint Meetings*

#### **SILENCED DISSENT**

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded a hearing to examine silenced dissent, focusing on the plight of political prisoners and search for accountability, after receiving testimony from Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, Democratic Belarus; Thorhildur Sunna AEvarsdottir, Council of Europe; and Annie Wilcox Boyajian, Freedom House.

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#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2024**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

##### **Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

##### **House**

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Monday, June 17

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Katherine E. Oler, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

9 a.m., Friday, June 14

## House Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Complete consideration of H.R. 8070—Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025.

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