Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to S. 870, Fire Grants and Safety Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4119–S4160

Measures Introduced: Thirty-two bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4563–4594, S.J. Res. 98–99, and S. Res. 738–741.

Measures Reported:

S. 1254, to designate and expand wilderness areas in Olympic National Forest in the State of Washington, and to designate certain rivers in Olympic National Forest and Olympic National Park as wild and scenic rivers, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 118–184)

S. 1348, to redesignate land within certain wilderness study areas in the State of Wyoming, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 118–185)

S. 3679, to reauthorize the Dr. Lorna Breen Health Care Provider Protection Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3757, to reauthorize the congenital heart disease research, surveillance, and awareness program of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3765, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program.

S. 3775, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the BOLD Infrastructure for Alzheimer’s Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4045, to require a study on public health impacts as a consequence of the February 3, 2023, train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4199, to authorize additional district judges for the district courts and convert temporary judgeships, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 4325, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the program relating to lifespan respite care.

S. 4351, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain poison control programs.

House Messages:

Fire Grants and Safety Act: By 88 yeas to 2 nays (Vote No. 200), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendments of the House of Representatives to S. 870, to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration and firefighter assistance grant programs, to advance the benefits of nuclear energy.

Kasubhai Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the motion to invoke cloture with respect to the nomination of Mustafa Taher Kasubhai, of Oregon, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, be withdrawn.

Maldonado Nomination—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of the nomination of Nancy L. Maldonado, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit. A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 20, 2024, Senate resume consideration of the nomination; and that the cloture motion with respect to the nomination ripen at 1:45 p.m.

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 199), Katharine E. Oler, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

5 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

11 Army nominations in the rank of general.
2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.
20 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy.

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:
Stanley H. Ryan, of Washington, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years.
Mark Angelson, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway.
Elizabeth M. Aubin, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cameroon.
Stephanie L. Hallett, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain.
Brian K. Stimmler, of Nebraska, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Kyrgyz Republic.
LeKresha R. Moultrie, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2024.
LaKresha R. Moultrie, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2027.
J. Tyler McGaughey, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board for a term of six years.

Nomination Discharged: The following nomination was discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:
Stephen H. Ravas, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Corporation for National and Community Service, which was sent to the Senate on January 11, 2024, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

Measures Placed on the Calendar:

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL GUARD AND RESERVES
Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the National Guard and Reserves, after receiving testimony from General Daniel R. Hokanson, Chief, National Guard Bureau, Lieutenant General Jody J. Daniels, Chief, Army Reserve, Commanding General, Army Reserve Command, Vice Admiral John B. Mustin, Chief, Navy Reserve, Lieutenant General Leonard F. Anderson IV, Marine Corps Reserve, and Lieutenant General John P. Healy, Chief, Air Force Reserve, all of the Department of Defense.

TRANSIT-ORIENTED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine unlocking Department of Transportation financing for more transit-oriented housing development, after receiving testimony from Morteza Farajian, Executive Director, Build America Bureau, Department of Transportation; Tracy Hadden Loh, The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.; and Adhi Nagraj, McCormack Baron Salazar, St. Louis, Missouri.

WORK AND SSD BENEFITS

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA BUDGET
Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism concluded a hearing to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Middle East and North Africa, after receiving testimony from Barbara A. Leaf, Assistant Secretary of
State for Near Eastern Affairs; and Jeanne Pryor, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for the
Middle East, United States Agency for International Development.

COVID–19 ORIGINS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine or-
gins of COVID–19, focusing on available evidence, after receiving testimony from Gregory D. Koblentz,
George Mason University Schar School of Policy and Government, Arlington, Virginia; Robert F. Garry,
Tulane University School of Medicine, New Orleans, Louisiana; Steven Quay, Atossa Therapeutics, Inc.,
Seattle, Washington; and Richard H. Ebright, Rutgers University Waksman Institute of Microbiology,
Piscataway, New Jersey.

BOEING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations
concluded a hearing to examine Boeing’s broken safety culture, after receiving testimony from David
L. Calhoun, Boeing, Arlington, Virginia.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the
Smithsonian Institution, after receiving testimony from Lonnie G. Bunch III, Secretary of the Smithso-
nian Institution.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in
closed session to receive a briefing on certain intel-
ligence matters from officials of the intelligence
community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 pub-
llic bills, H.R. 8775–8792; and 11 resolutions, H.J.
Res. 168; H. Con. Res. 114; and H. Res.
1304–1312 were introduced. Pages H4112–14
Additional Cosponsors: Pages H4115–16
Reports Filed: Reports were filed on Monday, June
17, 2024, as follows:

H.R. 8772, making appropriations for the Legisla-
tive Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30,
2025, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–555);
H.R. 8773, making appropriations for financial
services and general government for the fiscal year
ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes
(H. Rept. 118–556); and
H.R. 8774, making appropriations for the Depart-
ment of Defense for the fiscal year ending September
30, 2025, and for other purposes (H. Rept.
118–557).

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he
appointed Representative Bucshon to act as Speaker
pro tempore for today. Page H4112
Chair announcement: The Chair informed the
House that, pursuant to House Resolutions 1292
and 1293, the Speaker has certified to the United
States Attorney for the District of Columbia the re-

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D567)
S. 2051, to reauthorize the Missing Children’s As-
sistance Act. Signed on June 17, 2024. (Public Law
118–65)
COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the immediate and long-term challenges facing public school teachers, focusing on low pay, teacher shortages, and underfunded public schools, 9 a.m., SD–562.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD–226.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Joint Meeting

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to receive a briefing on the proliferation of Russian-style foreign agents laws, 2 p.m., 210, Cannon Building.
Next Meeting of the SENATE
10 a.m., Thursday, June 20

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Nancy L. Maldonado, of Illinois, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Seventh Circuit, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 1:45 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
9 a.m., Friday, June 21

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 9 a.m.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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