

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 199), Katherine 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.

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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. **Pages S4144–46, S4159–60**

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. Stimmller, 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. **Page S4159**

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. **Page S4159**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—200) **Page S4125, S4142**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:22 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 20, 2024. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4159.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

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

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine work and Social Security Disability benefits, focusing on addressing challenges and creating opportunities, after receiving testimony from William R. Morton, Analyst in Income Security, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Susan Wilschke, Associate Commissioner, Office of Research, Demonstration, and Employment Support, Social Security Administration; Erin M. Godtland, Assistant Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; and Katherine Zuleger, Chicago Social Security Management Association, Wausau, Wisconsin, on behalf of the National Council of Social Security Management Associations.

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 origins 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 Smithsonian Institution.

INTELLIGENCE

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

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 18 public 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 Legislative 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 Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 118–557). [Page H4112](#)

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bucshon to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. [Page H4111](#)

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 refusal of Merrick B. Garland to produce documents, records, and materials to the Committees on the Ju-

diciary and Oversight and Accountability as directed by subpoena. [Page H4111](#)

Senate Referrals: S. 3984 was held at the desk. S. 4548 was held at the desk. [Page H4111](#)

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on page H4111.

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 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D567)

S. 2051, to reauthorize the Missing Children's Assistance 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

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

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.

House Chamber

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

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